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CARPENTER AND TRUMBULL ON THE CIVIL SERVICE REFORM SYSTEM.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 18.—Mr. Carpenter's anticipated attack on Civil Service reform drew a large audience, to-day, to the Senate, conspicuous among whom were George William Curtis, ex-Senator Cattell, of the Civil Service Commission. In his exordium, Carpenter quoted the President, as saying, with reference to the new rules and regulations governing appointment, that the best way to secure the repeal of the obnoxious measure, is to enforce it fully. One statement made by him is a most palpable case of misrepresentation. He said that the report submitted by the Commissioners had been found fault with, and was then withdrawn in consequence. This is not the case. The new rules lately submitted by the Commissioners simply provides that in cases of actual necessity appointments can be made without further examination than is now provided. This rule was found necessary, as the rules governing competitive examinations have not been completed. Such appointments, however, unless of that character requiring confirmation by the Senate, are only temporary, and will be subsequently brought under the operation of the system. Another statement made by the Commissioners in the report accompanying the rules lately submitted to Congress, occasioned remarks from not only Mr. Carpenter but Morton of Indiana. These all denied that one-quarter of the revenue collected under the revenue laws ever reached the Treasury, as the Commissioners intimated. Mr. Trumbull replied to Mr. Carpenter at some length. He instanced the corruptions existing in the Civil Service, as attested by the President himself, as the best instance necessarily for reformation, and arraigned Carpenter for intimating that the President would lay himself under contempt. Now that the subject is fairly before the Senate, it will be debated at length. Edmunds has the floor for Monday, when, under cover of the amendment to the Civil Rights bill, throwing offices open to competition without distinction of color, he will severely arraign the system of Civil Service. The Commissioners, must, if words are worth heed, feel thoroughly indignant at the way in which their report has been received in some quarters. They must, however, that the President will sustain them in spite of Congressional opposition, and in defiance of such threats as those urged by Carpenter to-day, to the effect that he will sacrifice his friendship for the President rather than these rules should go into operation.

THE FARRAGUT CLAIMS.

At the joint request of the Committee and the agents for the claimants in the Supreme Court of the District has referred the Farragut-Porter prize bounty claims for the capture of New Orleans to three arbitrators, namely, G. V. Fox, Assistant Secretary of the Navy; H. W. Paine, of Boston; Jues J. Durant, of this District. The Paines, as presented to them, has been reported upon by R. D. Cluney, Commissioner appointed some time since to hear evidence. The claims will doubtless be admitted, but the amount will depend upon the decision rendered regarding the relative destructive precise of ship and man, upon the number of men it may be ascertained the enemy had, and whether a quarter less than our own. If the enemy had an inferior force, the whole amount of the claim will be about $250,000, and if a superior force, $350,000. General Butler represents the claimants, and R. N. Cowins, of Ohio, the Government.

NAVAL.

The frigate Guerriere, late of the European squadron, is expected at Portsmouth Monroe within a week. She brings the remains of General Robert Anderson. Her Captain will either be ordered before a court of inquiry, or put on trial at once before a court-martial to answer for his conduct in allowing his ship to go ashore, and for other offences.

ELECTION CASES.

The Committee on Elections to-day agreed to report against Cessna, of Penn., in his claim. Voted to report in the negative on Blaine. The Committee, also, for the third time, refused to favor an extension of time for Edwards, of Ark. He is hostile to Senator Clayton, as far as the Committee can pass upon the merits of the controversy.

THE STEAMBOAT BILL.

The members of the Committee on Commerce have become convinced that leading parties interested in continuing the use of steam devices already in use on steamboats, and introducing new ones, have entered into a formidable combination to defeat the new Steamboat bill now before that Committee. The opposition already developed is very strong.

Some members of the House having, as is supposed, an interest in the Custom House officers at New Orleans, have been trying to prevent the Select Committee from visiting that city. Judge Schofield, however, in making his arrangements to start the first of the week, and it is not likely that any delay will be secured.

FORTER AND BABCOCK.

Hayes Porter and General Babcock will go before the Senate Investigating Committee on its return here from New York, and demand a personal examination upon the charges convicting them with alleged complicity with frauds in the Custom House.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH BILL.

The Senate Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads did not get through with the Postal Telegraph bill in time for it to be reported to-day, as contemplated, and the amendment has been agreed which allows the company to be incorporated under the bill to buy up the existing lines on whatever rates may be hereafter agreed upon. The bill will now be reported by Mr. Pomeroy on Monday next.

THE FISHING INTERESTS.

The Cape Cod fishermen were before the Foreign Relations Committee, and were heard as to their complaint of the operations of the Washington Treaty. They ask that either a duty shall be imposed for their protection on all imported fish, or that a bounty shall be granted them by the Congress.

GREELEY.

It is given out as a fact, to-night, that Horace Greeley has refused to sign a call for the National Republican Convention.

[To the Associated Press.]

FARRAGUT PRIZE CASE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The Farragut prize case in the Supreme Court of this District, were to-day referred by consent of counsel, to a board of arbitrators, consisting of W. H. Peirce, Boston; Thos. Ewing, of this city, and G. V. Fox, ex-Assistant Secretary of the Navy, with the understanding that parties may appeal from the decision of the board to the Supreme Court of the District.

FRENCH CLAIMS COMMISSION.

In the French and American Claims Commission, to-day, several American claims were reported, it appearing that the injuries complained of were inflicted by the Mexicans while in the service of the Mexican Republic and not liable.

THE MEXICO DISTRESS.

The Committee of Ways and Means, this morning, began a hearing to the representatives of the Mexican Claims Commission, Samuel W. Bailey, of Virginia, the Secretary of the Commission, being present. The manufacturers were doing very little business, an impression existed that there would be a change in the tariff, and they made the declaration that they did like to hear the declaration made so as to verify say as to what would be done in the matter, or that nothing at all would be done, so that all parties might have some degree of security and understandingly. A. G. Evans, of New York, a member of the New York Board of Trade, said they were in favor of bonded warehouses, which they, at least, thought would be done, but believed they were in favor of bonding the goods, and the Government. Mr. Bailey stated that the question had been taken by parties, and the subject of bonded warehouses would come up to-day. He desired a full attendance at the hearing. It was agreed by the Committee that there should be a postponement to 11 Tuesday morning, when the representatives of all kinds of tobacco manufacture are expected to be heard. Christian Fryer, of St. Louis, representing a large portion of the Western manufacturers, with others, in the bonded warehouse system, as applicable to home consumption, apart from purposes of exportation.

THE APPROPRIATION BILLS.

The Committee on Appropriations will report all the bills at the earliest practicable period, so that Congress may have ample time to discuss and pass them in view of adjournment by the 1st of June.

NAVAL.

The Mahopac, at the Navy Yard, has on board her officers and crew, with steam up. Though she has been lying here for five years, her machinery and gun fitvets work as smoothly as when she was in active service.

MRS. BRADWELL'S CASE.

Senator Carpenter to-day argued the case of Myra Bradwell against the State of Illinois in the Supreme Court. The case involved the question of woman's rights under the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments. It was contended that by virtue of these amendments all citizens without discussion of color or sex, and when women, without reference to marriage, are entitled to practice any trade, occupation, or pursuit which they may choose, as an avocation. In this case plaintiff, who is a married woman, sought to be admitted to the bar in Illinois. Her application was refused on the ground that as she was a married woman she could not be liable on contracts with her clients. The case was heard here in review, and Senator Carpenter took occasion to declare his views in favor of woman's suffrage. Mrs. Bradwell is editor of the Chicago *Legal News*.

THE AFRICAN COLONIZATION.

The Directors of the American Colonization Society closed their annual meeting to-day. There are over 5,000 names enrolled for passage to Liberia.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Mr. TRUMBULL, from the Judiciary Committee, reported adversely to the woman suffragists, asking to be heard before the Senate, and he asked that this Committee be discharged from its consideration. He promised an early report upon the question whether women have a right to vote under the Constitution as amended.

STEAMSHIP BILL.

Mr. COLE, from the Postal Committee, reported favorably a bill subsidizing mail steamship service to Australia, via Honolulu.

CREDENTIALS.

Mr. THURMAN presented the credentials of his colleague, Sherman.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. CHANDLER, from the Committee on Commerce, reported, without amendment, the bill for deepening the St. Clair Flats Canal to sixteen feet, with Hooker, Holland, Pittsburgh Pa., a port of entry and delivery.

ARTIFICIAL LIMBS FOR VETERANS.

Mr. HILL, from the Military Committee, reported favorably on a bill extending the provisions of the Artificial Limb act to all officers above the grade of Captain. An amendment was adopted extending its provisions to all men in the army and navy, regardless of rank.

DAVIS IRQUISITIVE.

Mr. DAVIS, of Kentucky, gave notice of his intention to call up, at an early day, the resolution of inquiry as to the dereliction of duty on the part of the President.

WOMEN AS TERRITORIAL OFFICERS.

Mr. WILSON introduced a bill to allow women to vote and hold office in Territories.

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In conclusion, Mr. Carpenter said, there was a special reason why the scheme ought not to be adopted at this time. At the breaking out of the war our patriotic fathers sent their sons to the army while others, less patriotic, sent theirs to school and now, if this system were adopted, the sons of the first class would be entitled to the offices, while others were remaining at school or college would be excluded from public offices, because they did not happen to be born at the fortunate time of the flood, or near the moon comes to the earth, or the names of the four principal rivers of the world. (Laughter.)

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RACE BETWEEN CREDITORS.

The Claims Against The Sands Ale and Brewing Company.

Decision of Judge Blodgett as to the Application of Insurance Moneys.

In January, 1868, the Sands Ale Brewing Company, a corporation created and existing under the general laws of Illinois, borrowed $60,000, and executed a deed in Boston duly for the term of five years with interest coupons annually. To secure the same the company executed a deed of trust upon its real estate to E. B. Peabody, as Trustee; which deed was recorded January 13, 1868, and which, among other covenants, provided that the company should keep all the buildings then situated or which might thereafter be erected upon the premises conveyed insured against loss by fire in responsible companies (the selection to be left to the Trustee) in the fair insurable value of such buildings, and cause such insurance to be made payable in case of loss to the Trustee, and should also deliver to him all policies of insurance, and all renewals certificates thereof; in default of which the Trustee was authorized, at his option, to effect such insurance, and pay the premium or premium money paid therefor should be a charge upon the land, and might be collected from the company with interest. The deed also provided that the Trustee should hold all insurance moneys received as security for said debt, and should have the right to collect and receive all moneys that might at any time become payable upon the said policies, and upon receipt of the same in the event of loss, should apply the same in the manner and for the purposes provided by said deed for the application of the proceeds of the sale of said premises.

At the time the loan was effected Richard McCleverty and John F. Stafford were the only stockholders of the company. The securities were executed by the company in the name of Stafford as its principal, and by Stafford and McCleverty as sureties. Additional securities being demanded by the lender, as a condition of the loan Mr. Stafford pledged also his individual property, consisting of his lands and lot on the corner of Monroe street and Michigan avenue, and his dwelling house and lot on the North Side.

In February, 1869, McCleverty sold his half interest in the Brewing Company to Mr. Stafford, who then purchased for himself and for his sons Frederick and Eugene the price paid for the half interest was about $75,000, and Mr. Stafford and McCleverty a bond of indemnity against the indebtedness secured by said deed of trust. The Company continued operations for a time, erected new buildings, and made extensive and costly improvements. The money thus expended was furnished by Mr. Stafford, who from 1870 to 1871 was its President and principal manager), and by his sons Charles H. and George Wheeler. The latter, who had been engaged in the grocery trade, exceeded Stafford's expectations, he proposed to sell out his half interest in the Company to Hiram Wheeler, who accepted the proposition, and in March, 1870, for $25,000, on very easy terms; being less than one-third what he had paid for McCleverty's interest. Additional facts appear from the joint affidavit of Stafford, Hiram Wheeler agreed expressly to save him harmless from said Peabody indebtedness, and to pay the interest on the same. The Company, by Wheeler its President, promptly paid the interest thereon maturing in January and July of 1870, and in January, 1871, but the buildings of the Brewing Company were wholly destroyed.

For one or two years after the giving of the deed of trust, policies of insurance had been regularly transferred by the company to the Trustee. This by neglect or inadvertence, although at the time of the fire, policies were in force upon the real and personal property of the company to the amount of $60,000, and the proofs of loss were duly made out in due season after the fire, and to the loss of over $50,000 in insurance in regard to which there was no controversy. On the 22d of November the company was thrown into bankruptcy on petition of the Union National Bank; the act of bankruptcy charged being the non-payment of a note due to the bank on the 1st of November. The company by Wheeler its President, entered its appearance, and consented to an immediate adjudication; and, on the same day, Robert E. Jenkins was appointed provisional assignee. The proceedings were carried forward without opposition, with a celerity very different from the proverbial "law's delay." On the 25th of November a petition was filed, that the assignee be appointed and settle the claims of the Company against various Insurance Companies, and an order to this effect was made the following December 15. Thereupon Mr. Jenkins was appointed general assignee, and a meeting of creditors was appointed for the 30th. At that meeting it appeared that there was on hand $61,140 43 of insurance money, distribution was ordered as to $70,350 51 of which the Union National Bank received $4,374 53, Charles W. Wheeler $19,980 40, George H. Wheeler $19,980 20, and Hiram Wheeler $19,980 20.

Thus far it would appear as though the general creditors of the Company, including the Trustee, had not only outstripped the holders of the deed of trust, but had actually realized the last dollar due for precedence. But in law, as in everything else "there is many a slip between the cup and the lip." On the 2d day of December, Mr. Stafford, having a natural curiosity to learn whether the interest in the Company payable on the 1st of January would be promptly paid, enquired concerning the same of Hiram Wheeler, and was informed that he (Wheeler) had received any surplus of insurance moneys after the deed of trust. Considerably alarmed, Stafford now, for the first time, investigated the condition of the Company, and learned that the assignee had given checks to the various general creditors for their respective dividends, and that notice was at once served by Stafford, and by Gallup & Peabody; the payment of the checks was stopped, and a petition was filed by Peabody, as Trustee, for an order upon the assignee to pay over to the Trustee the proceeds of such policies of insurance as covered the mortgaged property. This motion was strenuously opposed by the assignee and the general creditors, who contended that the later policies had been taken out for the benefit of the general creditors, without regard to the deed of trust. It was conceded that the company was solvent up to the time of the fire, and that the proceeds of the policies had been taken out. It was also admitted that the loss since the fire are inadequate security for the mortgagee's debt. The case was argued by various counsel and taken under advisement by the Court Judge Blodgett, who yesterday rendered the following opinion:

The petitioner claims that the covenant quoted from the trust deed gives him an equitable lien upon the proceeds of the insurance policies, and that by said covenant the said policies are assigned to him in case of loss, he not having been assigned to the Trustee nor made specifically payable to him in case of loss, but that the Trustee is entitled to the possession of the policies and that the trust therefore belongs to the assignee. The assignee denies that the petitioner has any such equitable lien as he claims, which may have taken place by the ownership of the stock since the execution of the deed of trust, but that is not the question at issue. No matter who buys or holds the stock, or how it is transferred, the obligation of the corporate entity remains the same. The corporation is bound to all stockholders and officers, and holds in trust for its creditors all its property. The assignee can hold nothing in this case which the corporation could not hold. The *post-mortem* examination of Futter had not intervened. His relation is purely representative. Creditors cannot transfer to each other the benefit of their respective claims, whether legal or equitable in their origin. The assignee stands in the shoes of the corporation, and is entitled in the examination of this case, precisely such in regard to the effect of this covenant as the corporation would be. The petition is clear and specific. To give it effect is not carrying out the intent of the parties to the trust deed, but is giving to the petitioner what he never had and has not now, and what he never could have given him by the corporation.

The petition is therefore dismissed, with costs.

A CLUMSY PIECE OF BUSINESS.

The Manner of Conducting a Post-Mortem Examination by the Newly-Elected County Physician.

The Coroner, yesterday, investigated the circumstances attending the death of the three Johnsest children, mention of which was made in Wednesday's TRIBUNE, and definitely established the cause of their demise. Dr. McCarthy, the County physician, assisted by Drs. Bert and Fairwell, made a *post-mortem* examination of the body of the youngest child, who died on Tuesday, after a very brief illness. They found the liver somewhat large, the spleen swollen, and the blood-vessels of the brain surcharged with blood. There were evidences of strangulated hernia and rupture of the gall bladder, but the physicians concluded that death was produced by congestion of the brain, and that was the verdict of the jury. The body of the second child, a boy 5 years of age, who died last Thursday week, and was buried on Saturday, was also disinterred and examined, as the symptoms manifested during its illness were not, when thought over, considered significant. The third child a girl of 7 years, died on Sunday last, and was also buried. She died of inflammation of the brain. It was not ascertained if anything in particular had any influence in causing the diseases with which they were afflicted; nor was any post-mortem made of the body of the other had any influence in causing the dislot adjacent to the house, which the family had used for cooking and drinking purposes. The water in the well, they say, was thick and muddy. Policy-holders were getting impatient. Now and then a grumbler came in and demanded the money, in a rude way, disregarding his promises. Either he must have some money, or an office with an accessible side door.

Mr. Baxter moved to amend by reducing the President's salary alone to $2,000 and leave the others untouched.

AN OBLIGING OFFICER.

The Secretary was willing to have his salary reduced to $2,000.

The amendment was carried.

OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

The Tellers then proceeded to report for officers for the ensuing year, with the following result:

President—H. L. Stewart.
Vice-President—Hiram Wheeler.
Secretary—C. D. Hooker.
Assistant Secretary—James Baxter.
Executive Committee—O. L. Mann, J. M. W. Jones, M. E. Hale, A. D. Titsworth, H. H. Peck, C. J. Stokes, R. S. Bridgford, D. B. Woodward, L. G. Schuh, I. L. Palen, Bela M. Hughes.

The meeting adjourned *sine die*.

A CORRECTION.

In the report of the proceedings of the Directors, published in THE TRIBUNE yesterday, the dividends for January were given as $968,000 (readers) was given at $968,000 instead of $968.96. General O. L. Mann's subscription to the new stock should have been $5,000 instead of $50,000.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Meeting of the Commissioners—A Fireman Dismissed for Fighting—The Duties of Engineers and Stokers of Engines—Talcott Opposed to Paper Engines.

A regular semi-weekly meeting of the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners was held at the City Hall, yesterday afternoon, President Talcott in the chair. Present, Commissioners Rehm, Sheridan, and Chadwick.

Michael Dolan and Calvin L. Cole, pipeman and driver of the steamer Little Giant, were charged with disorderly conduct. They had a dispute about an assessment for scrubbing out the engine house, and Dolan said he had paid it all. Cole called him a liar, and they had a fight which lasted a minute or two. Dolan was said to be a very quarrelsome fellow, and had to be transferred from the Hose Elevator to the Little Giant, because he could not get along with the men. He was discharged. Cole has been before the Board once before for using insulting language to a superior officer, but was a "pretty good man about horses." He was fined ten days' pay.

The resignation of Asst. Hanish, Fire Marshal of the North Side, was received and accepted.

President Talcott stated that the plans of the Dearborn Artillery Company, which were adopted in the City Hall Fire, would not do, as the Excelsior Manufacturing Company's sheds, and he wanted to know what was to be done with them. The Company was instructed to remove them, and directed to notify the Captain of the Company, and ask him to examine the guns and ascertain before the 25th if the guns were unsatisfactory, and if so to reorganize the artillery company as speedily as possible.

The Board have received information that William Minahan, foreman of the steamer Little Giant, had been guilty of uttering a remark which, if true, would disqualify him for office. He was brought into the room and questioned by the Commissioners.

Con Sinnissmer Chadwick asked him if he had "on the night of the big fire, just before leaving the engine house: 'Let her burn; the people think we have nothing to do but stop fires.'"

Minahan denied having made use of such language, nor did he hear any one make such a remark. The engine would run out of the house quickly and before the gong struck, the company having received an alarm from the watchman in the tower. When he heard the cry of fire he, as usual, started to go up to the tower, so as to locate the fire, but meeting the watchman, who told him the fire was in the block, he ran down stairs and hitched up the horses.

The members of the company were examined, but none of them had heard the remark mentioned.

Benjamin Rice, engineer of the steamer Liberty, who was running the Liberty at the time of the fire, was also examined in reference to the same matter, but knew nothing about it. He called the attention of the Board to the difficulty between the stokers and engineers in the Fire Department, and stated that the engineers had to continually clean out the fires, and were under orders to clean the engines. The stoker had charge of the cleaning of one-half of the engine, but if the stoker was busy and could not attend to the other half, the stoker refused to do the work.

Engineer Talcott said he was green in the fire business and wanted to get posted. He asked many questions, and elicited the information that there is not one man in the Department who can run an engine, in other words who is a practical mechanic. The engineers and some of the stokers can run an engine, but very few of them can make repairs if anything gets out of order.

There is a great deal of brass work about some of the engines, and Rice thought if there was less polishing and more quarrelling between the engineers and stokers, who did not recognize their superiors.

Engineer Talcott said the engines looked like a gilly-show when he walked the streets; they ought to be in plain trim, like house wives, so he thought.

Fire Marshal Williams remarked that as one time the stokers were under the order of the engineers, and they loafed up the time and left the stokers to do cleaning. This was unfair, for if the engineers ran or threw runs during the night, the stoker would be up several hours cleaning his engine.

Engineer Rice said it was the custom, on returning from the fire, to wipe off the machinery and oil it, leaving the cleaning to be done next day, if the oiling was done at night.

President Talcott remarked that the engineer who was so heartily as to make the stoker do all the work should save his oil—I head cut off.

The Board then adjourned.

THE CRASH IN BRIEF.

Organization of the Chicago Athletic Club.

A regular meeting of the Chicago Athletic Club was held last evening, in the Tremont House, on the late shore. The President, W. B. Keith, occupied the chair. The large delegation was in attendance.

The greater portion of the evening was consumed in the adoption of the new Constitution of the Club, which has been framed with great care, and is probably one of the most complete of its kind.

The Club proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year. The officers elected were as follows:

President—W. Curtis.
Vice-President—E. Prantierov.
Treasurer—J. A. Wilson.
Secretary—Col. H. Hamilton.
Captain—John S. Newman.
First Lieutenant—J. Shaver.
Second Lieutenant—R. D. Cleveland.
Committee on Membership—W. B. Curtis, C. H. Shaver, and Col. H. Hamilton.

The Chair announced that already four medals had been promised to the Club, and would be presented before the next monthly meeting. They would be acted upon at the next meeting, which lasted for one of the games. This would open the season for the club. The games provided by the constitution are as follows: January 1, running 1 mile; running 1 mile; running ½ mile; running ¼ mile. Hurdle race, 10 yards, 3 hurdles 3 feet 6 inches; walking 3 miles; walking 7 miles; putting the shot 16 pounds; throwing the hammer 16 pounds; throwing base ball; running high jump; running broad jump; pole jump; swimming 100 yards; swimming ¼ mile; scalling 2 miles; skating under the rules of the New York Club.

The rowing season is declared by the constitution to be from April 1 to November 1; the swimming season from June 1 to October 1; for all other games from February 1 to December 1.

The meeting adjourned to hold its first meeting in the equipments of the club-house a horizontal ladder and parallel bars.

After the transaction of other business, concerning the members themselves only, the meeting adjourned till the first Thursday in February.

Convention of French Benevolent Societies.

A convention of delegates from the various French mutual aid societies of the country met yesterday morning at the Grand Pacific Hotel, and was in session all day. The object of the meeting was to settle upon some general plan of co-operation for all such societies in the country. There were expected from Milwaukee, New Orleans, A. H. Carier, of Fort Wayne, was chosen President, and Charles Tuchet, of New York, acted as Secretary. Various societies were represented as follows:

New York—Jean Pinest, Charles Taller.
Albany—Joseph Schmitt, Jean Laurent.
St. Louis—David Chat, Joseph Schultz.
Fort Wayne—C. Carier, Jean Laurent.
Brooklyn—Charles Wouestle.
Cincinnati—C. Bigon, Louis Weinschenck.
Louisville—Jean Blanchard, Jean Bayer.
Pond du Lac—Alex. Lang, R. Salmon.
Chicago—Jean Bernard, Charles Bernard.
Paducah, Ky.—Dominique Gouriexx.
Bay City, Mich.—Alexander Laroche.
New Haven, Conn.—Jean Pinest, Charles Taller.

The day was passed in deciding upon credentials and appointing committees.

The following gentlemen were appointed a Committee to draft a Constitution.—Messrs. Faller, Pinta, Schmitz, Bigeen, and Gouriexx.

The Convention adjourned until this morning at 9 o'clock.

Architectural Deliberations.

A meeting of the Chicago Association of American Institute of Architects, was held at No. 21 East Van Buren street last evening. The attendance was good and much interest was manifested in the business of the meeting.

In view of the necessity of a Building law within the fire limits of the city, the subject of said construction was made the order of the day. A discussion was had to the Building laws of other cities and their sanitary bearings, strength of construction and safety against fire. Reference was made to the many "fire-traps" now erecting in the center of the city, the absolute necessity of a Building law awakening was felt, to secure a clearly defined law.

The Chapter adjourned to meet at No. 21 East Van Buren street, on Tuesday next, Jan. 23, at 7½ p. m., when the question will be considered, be "What Constitutes a Good Building Law?"

Rush Medical College.

The Spring Course of Rush Medical College for 1872, will begin Wednesday, March 6, and will continue to June 26,—sixteen weeks. The Rush Medical College building was destroyed by fire in the great fire, the Faculty, in order fully to maintain the interests of the College and to preserve its reputation as a school of medicine, have secured the lecture and clinic rooms of the Cook County Hospital in which to hold the annual course. The Faculty decided that the convenience of these rooms during a large portion of the winter's term, they feel assured that the instruction will be as thorough and complete as it ever has before; and, therefore, confidently recommend that students of every grade avail themselves of these advantages.

The Star Lecture Course.

The management announce that they are out in a card, explaining Wendell Phillips' delay in appearing in their West Side course, as announced in the list of lectures. Mr. Phillips' wife, who has been sick all winter, has, it seems, suddenly and alarmingly increased, and he has been obliged to postpone his lecture indefinitely. He engagements until the middle of February, in order to return to Boston. He is to appear in this city once more in February, and the next course of the course is to be delivered by Dr. Holland, on the 30th inst.

General Kilpatrick is to deliver the next lecture of the Star course, on Monday evening. Tickets are now for sale.

Announcements.

Service will be held at the Synagogue, corner of Wabash avenue and Peck court, this morning, beginning at 10 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Fluegel, of Quincy, will deliver an English sermon.

A meeting of citizens will be held at the City Hall to-morrow evening to hear the report of the Committee on Legislation appointed by the Mayor, and to hear the draft of a law.

All the members of the Seventeenth Ward who are in favor of the extension of the fire limits over the region adjacent to Lincoln Park, are requested to meet at Hoffman & Hagio's restaurant, on Clark street near Centre street.

Accidents.

The cottage house No. 84 Ruble street, fell over yesterday, and killed one man, and severely injured another. The wall on the front part of the basement could be added, and was standing on braces. The supports were insufficient, and over it went, pitching the inmates from their beds, their fastenings, and burying two of the workmen. The two men were taken out as quickly as possible, and one of them, James Parsley, was found to be dead, and the other, Frank Hardbard, badly crushed and, it is feared, fatally injured. His right leg was broken and he received internal injuries. He was taken to the County Hospital.

Policeman Jacob Kirch died at his residence, No. 1 Smart street, at 5 o'clock last evening, of consumption. He was an excellent officer, and made quite a record in the Police Department. Deceased was a member of the Lutheran church, and leaves a large family.

A lad named Patrick O'Connor shot a boy named John Hogan, in the breast, on Wednesday evening. The wound is not fatal. Patrick O'Connor was arrested and locked up. He claims that the shooting was accidental, but others affirm that it was malicious.

Mike Savage, on his way to the railroad depot and to Ireland, stepped into a Randolph street saloon on Wednesday night to take a "corkyre" drink. Some evil-disposed person struck him on the head with a club, and robbed him him of $87, and then followed him to defer his trip to the "ould country."

Hugh Gleason, a lad who lost his right leg about a year ago by being run over by a street car, has had his left leg cut off, after having been amputated yesterday in consequence of its being crushed by an Archer avenue car on Tuesday afternoon. The unfortunate boy lies at No. 241 Archer avenue.

On Wednesday evening the North Side police caught three men in the act of breaking into a school house, where are stored about $2,000 worth of implements used in raising a vessel sunk at the mouth of the harbor. They gave the names of John Duffy, Jerry Cleary, and Thomas Mahoney, and were committed to jail to await trial.

Robert Cook was charged, at the North Side Police Court, yesterday morning, with larceny. During the great fire, Mr. J. D. Smith entrusted Cook, who is his nephew, with $1,000 worth of goods for removal to a place of safety. Cook failed to go to the place, and Mr. Smith saw nothing more of him until he was arrested the other day, when he denied ever having hauled anything for him. He was held in $1,000 bail for a further hearing.

The New York *Independent* says: "The walls of the Old School Presbyterian Church in Chicago have been roofed in for business; and 'Bliss & Sharp' are spanning the arches with iron. If some too many of our city churches that have not been burned out, in the same way, we are sorry to say, Bliss is a silent partner, and Sharp has 'put his own way.' Which is a neat play upon words, and means that Sharp has gone to Dallas & Sharp are not 'running' the old church, but are on Twenty-second street. C. F. Kellogg & Co. occupy the church.

For Fourteen Dollars.

You can buy for fourteen dollars a genuine Waltham watch, in coin silver cases, at the store of J. B. Adams & Co., No. 81 West Madison street (late corner Clark and Madison). They have a large stock of all kinds of American and imported watches at proportionately low prices; in addition to their wholesale and retail trade they hold regular auction sales every evening. This concern has done business in Chicago nearly fifteen years, and without doubt all more watches than any house in the city.

The Academy of Music.

The Chicago Academy of Music, now located at No. 809 Wabash avenue, and under the skilful charge of Florence Ziegfeld, Esq., will commence a new term on Monday next. It is specially designed for the purpose of fitting pupils for the Academy will make their applications early. The success which has always attended this institution, and the well known ability of its teachers should ensure a large attendance.

Miscellaneous.

A lot of clothing was stolen from the house of P. C. Kuntoe, No. 164 Fourth avenue.

The Governor signed the Chicago Rebate Tax bill, yesterday, thereby removing about $1,000,000 of taxes from the city for this year.

RYDER AND BURGESS.

The War of Doxies—Universalism vs. Orthodoxy.

Do the Universalists Regard Salvation as Conditional or Unconditional?

Is Future Punishment to be Temporary or Eternal?

The Rev. Dr. Ryder in Reply to the Rev. Mr. Burgess.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: In your paper of Wednesday is a communication from the Rev. O. A. Burgess, of the Christian Church in this city, professedly based upon my sermon printed in the TRIBUNE of Monday. So far as I perceive, Mr. Burgess does not take exceptions to any position assumed in the sermon,—at least he quotes no portion of it which he does not endorse; but, as he is opposed to Universalism, and as the sermon under notice was preached by a Universalist minister, he finds in it a favorable opportunity to express his views in reference to the unscripturalness and inconsistency of that form of faith, using as his text therefor certain passages of my sermon.

I like to see a man stand up stoutly for his theological opinions, and, even if he does get a little out of his way sometimes to hit his differing brother a gentle rap, I am not certain that I like him any the less; but it is very important, in all such criticisms as Mr. Burgess has made, that one should be respectful in his reference to them, and, if possible, all, state them correctly.

The three leading positions which underlie my neighbor's letter are these: (1.) Universalists do not rest their faith on the Bible, but assume it to be true because they wish it to be. (2.) Universalists regard Salvation as Unconditional, so that one has nothing whatever to do, or to do in order to be saved. (3.) No man can logically hold to the Divinity of Christ, and the Inspiration of Scripture without accepting the doctrine of the Eternity of punishment as well. These are the only leading points in the letter, and I shall not only endeavor to vindicate my position, but, if I can, to prove to be compelled to say, so far as my knowledge goes, that they are all incorrect.

Universalists, as a class, have, during the past twenty years, have had some knowledge of the affairs of that denomination; and I do not hesitate to say that these representations are not only inaccurate, but they are untrue. Universalists do rest their faith as to man's future destiny upon the Word of God, and especially upon his own belief as the true one. If he will now satisfactorily answer for me the following logical inquiries, I will, for the sake of argument, I admit was much puzzled me, I will have more confidence in the correctness of its claims: "God is a holy being, and cannot look upon sin with the slightest degree of allowance. Is He able and unwilling; or He is willing and unable; or, last, He is both able and willing to save all men, or one person, or no one? If He is able and unwilling, then He is not merciful; if willing and unable, then He is not powerful or benevolent; if able and unwilling, then he is not merciful if willing, but unable, then He is not powerful. If both able and willing will he not save man?"

In conclusion, I may be allowed to add that there is a broader, deeper, and higher ground than that, said, ministers so often fail to grasp. It is the influences of what we profess compared with what we practice, that constitutes the real power. So long as our lives are pure, in this view, creeds cut but a small figure. The day has passed for the cultivation of the spirit of bigotry and persecution. Men are no longer burned at the stake for differing from their neighbors in religious matters. Let us, then, be charitable in these days. Creed, if it imposes men to be good, is worthy of praise; but creed, as a matter of form, is nothing. The man who lifts up his life in the sight of his fellow men, is the man who is his belief before them. There is better work in this life than tinkering at doctrines, and wrangling about them. Let us, then, be charitable to one another, and not be so ready to condemn, when we find others differing from us. Let us follow more and God.

The teachings of creeds, and the strife of the many beliefs, that is vain
Perplex man's heart and brain,
All is but a weary waste of leaves
When the breath of God outbreathes
The human breath of Life.
And they subside again.
And I remember still
That God is good, and hour whom they cause,
Not he that rejected the same,
But he that doeth the will.

JOHN CALVIN WALLIS.

THE OIL INSPECTORSHIP.

Mr. John O'Neill the Only Authorized Inspector—Opinion of Corporation Counsel Tuley.

A controversy has arisen between the former Oil Inspector, Mr. David Wylie, and the recently appointed Inspector, Mr. John O'Neill, as to the competent authority of the latter to inspect all carbon oils brought to the city; the Corporation Counsel, M. F. Tuley, Esq., has settled the matter by the following opinion, which, it will be seen, declares that Mr. Wylie has no power to act, and that Mr. O'Neill is the only authorized Inspector of Oils:

John O'Neill, Oil Inspector:

SIR: In answer to your inquiry as to whether Mr. D. Wylie has any authority to inspect oils since the inspection of ——, answer, that the act of the General Assembly of Illinois, in force April 1, 1869, authorizes the city to annually appoint one or more Oil Inspectors. Mr. Wylie was appointed by the Mayor and Council, but he has not yet until the Common Council should appoint a new Oil Inspector. The Council has the power to provide for the appointment of but one Oil Inspector. I am, therefore, of the opinion that Mr. Wylie has no power to act, since your qualification as an Inspector of Oils is the same as Mr. Wylie's, and that he

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

MONETARY.

THURSDAY EVENING, Jan. 18.

The leading features in markets and finances to-day were something of a reaction in the railway stock speculation in New York, and a rather "slumpy" condition of things in the grain and provision markets in this city.

The reaction in railway stocks is only the result of the disposition of the speculators to realize profits on the advance of the last two or three weeks, which has been an average of about 1 per cent on the leading speculate stocks. As there has been no actual increase in the intrinsic value of these stocks lately, it is apparent that the rise has been due entirely to the abundance of money. Those who bought stocks in the expectation of the rise, know that the higher prices are run up, by speculation, the more difficult it is to enlarge their stocks because the market becomes nervous and more liable to experience a tumble. It seems likely, therefore, that the bulls will endeavor to realize present profits, and let prices drop down to where it will be safe to take hold again for another rise. The money market promises to be easy enough to permit another rise in prices of stocks in the next few weeks.

The downward tendency of prices of grain and provisions generally in this market to-day, was attributed partly to some action, or rumored action, of the insurance companies in regard to restricting their risks in this city here. It is probable, however, that the considerations which was the greatest influence in depressing prices were the quantities of wheat, corn, and provisions coming forward, the former of all these crops were extremely large, and the wheat crop was fair last year, and a general decline of prices was expected and predicted by nearly last fall. The fire in this city had the effect to temporarily retard the marketing of a considerable portion of these products, and may have been one of the causes that helped to sustain prices during the last month or so. It is apparent now, however, that products have been finding their way to the Eastern markets pretty freely by other routes than those through this city. One instance of this is the great increase in the receipts of the Toledo, Wabash & Western railroad for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1871, as compared with the earnings for the corresponding period of the previous year. The total receipts for the last three months of 1871 were $1,851,766, while for the last three months of 1870 they were $1,307,244. It is true, the latter represents the earnings of only 221 miles of road, while the former represents the earnings of 430 miles of road, but it will be seen that while the mileage has been almost doubled, the earnings have been increased nearly 30 per cent. The Toledo & Wabash Road taps a country from which the grain and provisions have been coming to this city, and the great increase in the earnings of the road during the last three months of 1871 shows that the trade in this city diverted a good deal of the produce to that route. The decrease of warehouse facilities in this city caused by the fire does not at present operate to prevent the grain coming forward to the interior railway stations for storage, even on the lines of road which terminate in this city, but there is a heavy falling off in the number of applications to the banks here to furnish money to carry grain stored at railway stations in the interior, and, as the banks generally will not advance to private parties on such security, they probably will advance to country banks who will carry the grain until it will go forward to the East. Under these circumstances the accumulation of grain in country warehouses promises to be large.

The local money market continues very quiet and moderately easy.

Exchange is rather weak at from par@50c ₱ $1,000 between banks. At the counter bankers sell at 1@1½ premium, and buy at from par to 1-10 discount.

Quotations for buying and selling Government bonds and local securities at the Board of Brokers are furnished by Messrs. Lunt, Preston & Kean, as follows:

	Buying.	Selling.
U. S. 6s of '81	115	115 1-4
" 5-20s, (coupon)	109 3-4	110
" 5s of '81, (coupon)	110	
" 5s of '74	110	110 1-4
" 5s of '65	110 7-8	111 1-4
" 10-40s, 1st series, 1st of January and July	110 1-4	110 3-4
" 10-40s, 2d series, 1st of January and July	112	112 1-4
" 10-40s, 3d series, 1st of January and July	112 1-4	112 3-4
" 10-40s, 4th series	109 3-4	110
U. S. 5s (new issue)	109 1-4	110
Northern Pac. Gold 7-30s	110	110 & int.
Northern Pac. 7s	100	100 & int.
Cook County 7s	100	101
Cook County 6s	100	100 1-4
Chicago Exchange (large drafts)	1-2@par	1-2@110
Gold and Gold Coupons	108 1-2	109
Last Wednesday	108	109
" Year	108	142

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The London, Daily News of Dec. 28, referring to the prices and prospects for stocks and investment securities says:

An almost universal impression prevails that the owners of money and the enormous profits made by the nation during the year now closing will lead to additional purchases of investment securities, or, now still standing the extent of the recent rise. It is believed that the transfers in the first week of February will reach about twenty millions sterling. The position of the Bank of England is now very strong, the reserve of bullion is large, and about £1,000,000 in gold is on the way from Australia. The Bank rate at the close of the year is 6 per cent.

The London Times has the following table of the Bank of England movement as to rate of discount for the year 1871:

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LATEST.

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" 5-20s, (coupon)	109 3-4	Cumberland	110
" 5s of '81, (coupon)	110	Cumberland, W.	110
" 5s of '74	110	Currency 6s	115 1-4
" 5s of '65	110 7-8		
" 10-40s, 1st series, 1st of January and July	110 1-4		
" 10-40s, 2d series, 1st of January and July	112 1-4		
" 10-40s, 3d series, 1st of January and July	112 1-4		
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Cook County 7s	100		
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" 5s of '81, (coupon)	110	N. Carolina, new	32 1-2
" 5s of '74	110 1-4	Virginia 6s	59
" 5s of '65	110 7-8	Missouri 6s	91
" 10-40s, 1st series, 1st of January and July	110 1-4	Tennessee, old	59
" 10-40s, 2d series, 1st of January and July	112 1-4	Tennessee, new	59
" 10-40s, 3d series, 1st of January and July	112 1-4	Canton Co.	59
" 10-40s, 4th series	109 3-4	Alabama 5s	110
U. S. 5s (new issue)	110	Alabama, new	110
Northern Pac. Gold 7-30s	110	Louisiana 6s, old	59
Northern Pac. 7s	100 & int.	Louisiana, new	59
Cook County 7s	100	Louisiana, W.	59
Cook County 6s	100	Louisiana, levee	59
Chicago Exchange	109 1-4	Louisiana, levee, W.	59
Gold and Gold Coupons	109 1-2@110	Georgia 6s	59
Last Wednesday	109	Georgia, new	59
" Year	142	Georgia, W.	59

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 1872.

THE FIRE LIMITS.

The Common Council, on Wednesday evening, had the courage to take up, and act upon, the law prescribing limits within which wooden buildings shall not be constructed. The majority seem not to have been discomposed by the riotous demonstration of Monday night. On the contrary, that performance has elicited such a general demand for a proper ordinance, that many Aldermen, hitherto doubtful, have been strengthened in their determination to do their duty. The Council, on Monday night, took no final action; but the votes indicated a purpose to make the fire limits somewhat narrower than the city limits. The majority favored the limits proposed by Mr. Bateman, which commence 125 feet south of Thirty-ninth street, extending from the Lake to State street, north on State to Thirty-fifth street, west on that street to Halsted, north to Rebecca street, west on Rebecca street to Throop street, north on Throop street to Twelfth street, west on Twelfth to Reuben street, north on Reuben to Van Buren street, thence west to Western avenue. The line runs north on Western avenue to Walnut street, thence east to Reuben street, thence north to Chicago avenue, thence east to Wells street, north on Wells to North avenue, and on that avenue to the Lake. This leaves that part of the South Division west of State and south of Twenty-fifth street, and west of Halsted street; all of the West Division south and west of Halsted, Rebecca, Throop, Twelfth, Reuben, and Van Buren streets, and west of Western avenue, to be occupied by frame buildings,—an area of many thousand acres. It also leaves open for the same purpose all of the West Division beyond Western avenue, and north and west of Walnut and Reuben streets and Chicago avenue, embracing an area of several thousand acres. It leaves also, for like occupancy in the North Division, all the territory north and west of Chicago avenue, Wells street, and North avenue. The objection to this ordinance is, that it surrounds the city, north, west, and south, with a cordon, several miles deep, of wooden buildings.

One seeming purpose of this ordinance is to avoid breaking up the business of the house-movers and the dealers in old shanties. The miserable huts south of the Armory, to which the spreading of the fire from the Westside in October is attributed, were for the most part old structures moved there from other places, and by false sympathy permitted to be patched up, and rented to thieves, harlots, vagrants, and reprobates of every degree. This moving of old frame buildings from one locality to another is not only a nuisance in itself, but it is a check upon permanent improvement. No man who erects a permanent building can tell the day when there may not be backed in on each side of his building some old rotten tenement, to be rented out at extortionate rates for prostitution, gambling, or other equally disreputable business.

But this ordinance, short as it is of the real requirements of the city, is a great improvement on past legislation. It excludes frame buildings from the First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Wards, and a large part of the Sixth Ward; so much of the Seventh Ward as lies east of Halsted street, and of the Eighth Ward as lies east of Throop street; the Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, and Twelfth Wards; a portion of the Thirteenth Ward, and the Nineteenth and Twentieth Wards. The Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, and Eighteenth Wards are all open to occupation by wooden buildings. The area which is thus left open embraces many square miles.

The ordinance was, however, very wisely amended by providing that, whenever the owners of a majority of the ground on any block outside the fire limits shall so request, that block shall thereupon come under the operation of the fire ordinance. This will enable property-owners in the wooden districts to protect themselves, to some extent. The Council might further amend, for the protection of those wanting to erect permanent buildings, that it shall be unlawful to erect any wooden building, barn, or shed within 150 feet, in any direction, from a brick or stone building already erected. This is the law in Washington City.

The Aldermen must certainly understand how deeply the character of the city is involved in this question of wooden buildings. It affects the value of all property. It adds to the cost of all goods and merchandise sold in this city. It adds to the cost of insurance. It increases the rates of interest, and seriously embarrasses the negotiations of loans. It places Chicago outside the market for safe investments, and reduces this city to the condition of a mere speculative concern, where the risks are extraordinary, and the margin for the use of money must be large to cover the chances of loss.

The passage of an ordinance prohibiting the erection hereafter of any wooden building in the city, with proper provision for the enforcement of the law, would be equal, in its financial effects, to the free loan of several millions of dollars. It would relieve this city of an enormous indirect tax, and would invite hither a large amount of capital for permanent investment, which will avoid us if we continue to be a city of shanties. It will, within one year, create in and around this city a manufacture of bricks that will place it within the power of lot-owners of small means, as in Baltimore and Philadelphia, to provide themselves with comfortable brick dwellings, which are not tenement-houses, and are not tinder-boxes.

THE CHICAGO & NORTHWESTERN EXTENSION.

Green Bay is in a blaze of delight over the completion of the Chicago & Northwestern Extension, which was celebrated in that ancient town on the 17th inst., with a grand banquet and ball and a free entertainment at the new Opera House. Toasts and speeches were made, all bearing upon that future time, not far distant, when Green Bay will be a great commercial centre. The Extension, as it is called, stretches from Green Bay up the shore a distance of fifty miles to Menominee, and opens up the great lumber-regions about Peshtigo, Pensaukee, Big and Little Suamico, and Menominee,—the region, in fact, traversed by the terrible October fire, so that Chicago is now in direct railroad communication with the very heart of the great lumber-region of Wisconsin. With its aid, the devastated country will rapidly resume its old industry, and the great mills at the points named will soon be running again. It is now the intention to vigorously push the surveys from Menominee to Escanaba, and up the river to the Menominee iron-region. Green Bay is to be congratulated that the railroad has invaded Sleepy Hollow. She will rise from that stagnation in which she has been resting so long, dreaming of the days when Jefferson Davis fought Indians at Fort Howard, and the Jesuits built missions for the conversion of Indian heathens, and become a city of the present,—the centre of an immense industry receiving the lumber products of the great country behind her, and sending out exchanges. Green Bay has been liberal in her railroad grants, and, with the prospect of the speedy completion of the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers Improvement by the Government, will no longer be a good place to emigrate from. Chicago may also claim a share in the future benefits to accrue from the opening of this great lumber tract. The opening of the Green Bay & Lake Pepin Road, which is also alluded to in the dispatches, signifies the completion of the forty miles west from Green Bay to New London, Wis.

THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE.

Mr. Garfield, in his remarks relative to the Government Printing Office, on Wednesday last, very properly characterized the franking privilege an enormous burden, at the same time expressing himself in favor of its abolition. Originally intended to facilitate public business, its use has been perverted, little by little until now it has become a monstrosity, involving a vast expense to the Government in numerous ways.

It is, perhaps, unavailable that a Congressman's correspondence with his constituents must be very heavy, and, as that correspondence is on public business, it is no more than right that the Government should assume the cost of the transportation of that correspondence; but it is not either right or profitable that the Government should be called upon to defray the cost of transporting libraries to their constituents, as well as the cost of the books themselves. The number of people in every Congressional District who want Congressional Globes, Department Records, annual messages, and other bulky volumes, if they can have them for nothing, is legion. If they are very desirous to have such documents, they should be willing to pay for the transportation of them. They get the volume itself gratis. The cost of sending it is but a few cents at most. Private individuals and public institutions, to whom reports of this nature are valuable, can well afford to pay this trifle. The abolition of this feature in our franking privilege would bring it very nearly to the working of the English system, in which it is confined mainly to letters. The carrying of bags, boxes, and barrels of books is done away with there, although their system is liable to abuse from the sale and gift of franks. Do away with this feature here, and it will save the Government a heavy expense in carrying, and much additional local expense in Post Offices. A visit to the Chicago Post Office, upon the arrival of any mail, will convince even the most skeptical of the outrageous manner in which the franking privilege is abused. In the present insufficient space it amounts to a positive nuisance, and seriously embarrasses the despatch of letters, both in and out, which have paid postal rates, and should be handled without delay.

The restriction of the franking privilege would also aid the Government financially in another direction, and put a check upon an establishment which is fast growing to be an incubus. We refer to the Government Printing Office. Mr. Garfield did not exaggerate the truth when he said: "This Government had at present much the largest printing house on the globe, where there were over 1,000 men and women employed to carry on that business, and where enough printing-ink was bought every year to float the biggest man-of-war in the navy. A train of army wagons reaching three-fourths of the way from Washington to Baltimore, and loaded with one ton apiece, packed as closely on the road as six-mule teams can be packed, would not be able to haul the mass of public documents printed every year in that printing house." To run this immense establishment during the next fiscal year, Congress will have to appropriate more than two millions of dollars. Its expense is growing every year at an enormous rate, and, unless some check is put upon this constantly-increasing outlay, it will soon reach an amount which will simply be scandalous. Abolish the features of the privilege to which we have alluded, and it will undoubtedly cut off very materially the expenses of this establishment by reducing the amount of matter printed. As long as public documents are free, and it costs nothing to transport them, no limit in the cost of Government printing can be established. As a matter both of equity and economy, the experiment is worth trying.

SPECIAL EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION.

The House of Representatives, on Wednesday, passed a bill admitting free of duty, for one year, such machinery as may be imported by a company in Louisiana for the working of a sulphur mine lately discovered there; and also for the importation free of duty of such machinery as may be needed by a company recently organized in Indiana for the manufacture of plate-glass. The only objection to this bill is, that it is confined in its operation to two companies, when it should be general, and be conducive to machinery intended for mining sulphur and making plate-glass, when it should include all other machinery. The Southern States have been imploring Congress, ever since the war, for the remission of duty on certain descriptions of machinery, which will enable them to make cotton yarn at a greatly reduced price, but the privilege has been refused. Why should there be an exception made in favor of these two companies to the exclusion of all others? The bill has yet to be acted on in the Senate, and we trust that that body will so amend it that the same privilege will be extended to all other persons and companies in the United States. The manufacture of plate-glass is not confined by any means to Indiana. It is made in other parts of the United States, and all others engaged in the same business should have the same privilege of importing the machinery. But the Senate and the House ought to remember that, for one dollar's worth of plate-glass used or needed in the United States, there are a thousand dollars' worth of common window-glass wanted. The tax on this common glass ranges from 10 to 65 per cent in gold. A suspension of this tax for one year would be equal, perhaps, to a release of $20,000,000 of taxes, without the loss of any revenue. But, if Congress does not feel disposed to do this act of justice, there is another mode by which they can encourage the manufacture of glass, and that is by the repeal of the tax on soda ash. This article is indispensable in the manufacture of glass, and the tax is excessive. We have glass factories in Illinois, and they are numerous in all parts of the country. We understand that this tax upon the essential article of soda ash is so great, and so increases the cost of the glass, that the foreign article of glass can be imported and sold in competition with the domestic glass. A repeal of the tax on soda ash, which yields comparatively no revenue, but which is mainly kept in the bill for the benefit of one or two private corporations in Philadelphia, would be a relief to the glassmakers of the United States, would encourage home industry, and, if it would not add anything to the wages of labor, would enable the glass companies to declare large dividends, and, by making glass cheaper, would create an additional demand and an additional production.

COLORADO "KNOCKING" AGAIN.

The Territorial Legislature of Colorado has adopted a memorial to Congress, begging for admission into the Union as a State. The reasons set forth in this memorial are substantially these: The Territory is rich in arable, timber, and grazing lands, and particularly in minerals. The assessed value of taxable property has risen from $15,147,154 in 1869, to $34,112,978 in 1871. Colorado had no completed line of railway in 1870, when the United States census was taken; but she now has 425 miles, and expects to add 325 miles before the end of 1872. As an item of interest, we give a list of Colorado's railroads: They are the Denver Pacific and Kansas Pacific, both important roads, one connecting Denver with Chicago *via* Cheyenne, and the other with St. Louis *via* Kansas City; the Denver & Rio Grande, Denver & Boulder Valley, and Denver & Colorado Central, which three are under process of construction, and expect to contribute 200 of the 325 additional miles of 1872; and the following "projected" roads:

From Denver up the Platte River to the South Park, and over the range to Salt Lake City, Utah; a road from Boulder City to the mines of Caribou, and from thence to Black Hawk and Central City; a line of road from Fort Lyon up the Arkansas River to Pueblo and Canon City; a line of road from Pine Bluffs, on the Union Pacific Road, to Golden City and Denver; also a road from Denver to Laramie City, on the Union Pacific Railroad, to Montana, by way of the Iron Mountain, on the Chugwater Creek; a line from Golden City to Littleton, on the Denver and Rio Grande Road.

The memorialists refer glowingly to the colony system, which is attracting large numbers of immigrants to the Territory, four thousand having already domiciled themselves in the six colonies named in the memorial. They estimate the present population of the Territory at 120,000, and predict (exponents of Territorial advantages are always strong at predicting) that the number will have swelled to 130,000 before Colorado could have time to avail herself of the Enabling act and take her place among her sister States.

This movement is no new one for Colorado. She is one of the most enterprising, as well as most intelligent and civilized, of all the Territories which have ever been organized, and has been, if anything, a little more industrious than any of them in petitioning Congress for endowment with State franchises. Her enterprise has been so great, and her prospects so good, that there is no doubt that her wishes would, ere now, have been granted, but for the obstacle which the scantiness of her population has always presented. In 1860 (and she began to "knock" soon after that) she had 34,000 inhabitants; and it was confidently predicted that the number would, before she could get through the formalities precedent to admission, increase to 125,000,—the number then required for a Representative's constituency, and the proper minimum of a State's population. But, in spite of these glowing predictions, and in spite of the immense resources of the Territory, the census-taker, though knowing that to underrate the population of an ambitious new town or Territory is death, would only swear to 39,000 in 1870. The eye of faith now enables the Territorial Legislature, to ask a round hundred thousand, and to predict, with all the old-time confidence, that the number will presently be swollen 30 per cent.

The motive of this anxiety to become endowed with State franchises, and at the same time saddled with State burdens and responsibilities, is not distinctly perceptible at this distance. It can be readily understood that, since the admission of Colorado as a State would make places in Congress for two Senators and one Representative, there should be a goodly number of local politicians imbued with a patriotic desire to serve their country in those capacities, who should favor the admission project; but why should the people favor it? There is, to be sure, a certain dignity and consequence to be derived from the fact of Statehood; but these will no longer be of any considerable value when it is understood that the frontier tracts, so sparsely populated that it would take three or four of them to make a proper Representative District, may be habilitated as States, for the purpose of carrying a particular question in the Senate, or making an office for a carpet-bagging politician. On the contrary, there are burdens pertaining to Statehood which any youthful Territory, anxious to husband her narrow resources, should be desirous to avoid. A Territory, for instance, has her public expenses, as for buildings and salaries of Territorial officers, including Legislature, Courts, etc., defrayed by the General Government. She is also exempt from many of the levies for troops in war, or cash in peace, to which a State is subject. A Territory is the nation's nursling, and the proper time for it to be weaned is the epoch of the arrival of the aggregate of population at the number fixed by statute as the minimum constituency of a Representative in Congress. We doubt seriously whether Nevada, for instance, has ever been benefited by her premature admission into the Union, and the irruption of her politicians into Congress. Certainly, the Senate has not benefited by the acquisition.

The Hon. Mr. Snapp, who represents the Joliet District in Congress, made his *début* in an attack upon Civil Service reform. The only effect of the limited reform yet made is to take from members of Congress the power of appointing persons to office without regard to their fitness or capacity. Hereafter, when a member of Congress designates a man for office, the person thus appointed has to be examined, and the fact ascertained whether he is competent to perform the duties, and, if he is not, he is to be rejected. If found competent, he is to be appointed if a vacancy exists. This Mr. Snapp considers an outrage, and he enters his protest against it. We do not suppose there is a district in the country where the people are more unanimous in favor of this very reform than in the district which Mr. Snapp represents. The reform of the Civil Service has, however, hardly begun. When it extends to the appointments of Collectors, Assessors, and Postmasters in each Congressional District, and these officers shall no longer hold their places on the uncertain tenure of securing the renomination of their patron in Congress, one of the great ends sought by the reform will be accomplished. The service will have better officers, and the country will have better Congressmen. Instead of having nominations to Congress made by conventions packed by Federal officers, the public will once more be free to select their best men. We can understand how ordinary members of Congress might object to such a reform as this on personal grounds; but Mr. Snapp is not that kind of a man, and has no such desire to be in Congress as to induce him to employ a machinery so long and disgracefully used in a majority of the Congressional Districts of the country. He certainly can have no personal motive of the result when the people of his district meet to select their ablest man to represent them.

A Story Disputed.

Senator Anthony, in the course of his speech presenting the Roger Williams statue to Congress, a day or two ago, took occasion to make some remarks, which seem very just, concerning the propriety of following out, with some little ceremony, the provisions of the statute setting apart within the National Hall of Representatives for the effigies of departed statesmen and heroes, each State being allowed to contribute two such. It will be seen that the Senator has, in the following passage of his oration, had the kindness to designate a good proportion of the most eligible candidates for situations in the Capitol:

"I do not," says the Senator, "deem this proceeding at all idle, farcical, or without ceremonial of the Republic; and I anticipate, with a patriotic pleasure, that it will be repeated, from time to time, until every State shall have seen her contribution to this assemblage of heroes, and patriots, and statesmen, and orators, and poets, and scholars, and divines, and philosophers, whose department of greatness have added lustre to the American name. And as often as this scene shall recur, as when Virginia shall send to the statue of Washington, which cannot be too often repeated in the Capitol; and with it that of Thomas Jefferson or of Patrick Henry; when North Carolina shall send us Nathaniel Macon, and South Carolina shall send us Sumter or Marion, and Georgia shall send us Crawford; when Kentucky shall send us Daniel Boone and Henry Clay, and Tennessee shall send us Andrew Jackson, and Illinois shall send us Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas, and Missouri shall send Thomas H. Benton; when New York shall send us Peter Stuyvesant and Alexander Hamilton; when Connecticut shall send us Roger Sherman and Jonathan Trumbull—I believe they are here already; I know that the blood of both is represented in this Chamber by men coming from States that were not born when the names which their ancestors worthily bear were first made illustrious; when Vermont shall send us the stalwart form of that hero who thundered at the gates of Ticonderoga 'in the name of the great Continental Congress and the great Jehovah;' when New Jersey shall send us the great statesman of the Senator who sits on the opposite side of the chamber [Mr. Stockton] and the uncle of the Senator who sits near me, [Mr. Frelinghuysen]; when Pennsylvania shall send us Robert Morris and Benjamin Franklin; and when Massachusetts, panting in the embarrassment of her riches, looking down the long line of her great sons, shall send us, in letters, in all the departments of greatness, have contributed to her glory, shall, with beating hearts, select two to represent that glory here; then, and on every such occasion, I trust that the spirit of party will cease, that the voice of faction will be hushed, and that we shall close an hour to the past. We shall be the wiser and better for it."

So Illinois is provided for without the trouble of selecting a pair of subjects for "animated busts." Doubtless, the association of Lincoln and Douglas—a coupling of names which nothing short of a political earthquake could have accomplished when these statesmen were alive—would be readily ratified by our State Legislature, whenever we get in a mood for buying a pair of $50,000 statues; but we take warning from the debate over Roger Williams, who, though two centuries dead, was not beyond the reach of dissection, and gave the sportsmen of the future an unseemly tilt adviser; don't make any remarks reflecting on anybody or anything which any other member is there to defend; else our demigod will be pounced upon by the iconoclasts, and hammered and bruised until there is nothing left of him. For instance, let Mr. Farwell, in his oration accompanying the Lincoln memorial, allude to the great martyr's difficulties in navigating his flat-boat down the Sangamon River, and you shall straightway hear some doughty Egyptian rise in his wrath and declare that the Sangamon River was of good a river to navigate as any in the Union; and that Lincoln was undoubtedly a man whose ignorance of navigation was only equalled by his nearness of countenance. After which will follow free aspersions upon the general character of the amended statesman. We only infer the nature of this coming debate from that in the House at Representatives on the Roger Williams question.

The Cuban Commissioners in New York have recently printed some "Notes About Cuba," which contain some important facts concerning the strength of the Spanish and insurgent forces, which are of special interest at the present time. From these notes it appears that, in October, 1868, being then an army of 18,700 men in Cuba; that from that time to Dec. 1, 1871, more than 60,000 soldiers were landed, or at the rate of 20,000 per year; and that, from the commencement of the war up to Feb. 1, 1871, according to the Madrid newspapers, Spain lost, in less than two years and a half, 20,700 men and 1,743 officers, or 59 per cent of the whole number which arrived during that period. In 1870, before receiving the thirty gunboats built in the United States, Spain had fifty-two vessels of war, carrying about 600 guns, and has since made no increase. Almost the whole of this fleet, including her best iron-clads, is watching the Cuban coast. From Nov. 1, 1868, to the middle of December, 1871, the Spaniards imported from New York 92,266 arms of various patterns, the cost of which is estimated at $1,450,000. The Commissioners state the expenses of the war, as published by the official journal of Havana, amount to $70,350,859.45, or $23,449,953.50 for each of the three years since the commencement of the war. The confessions of the Spanish journals themselves show that it requires 20,000 fresh men each year wherewith to prosecute the war, and that each man costs $1,125 a year, and that she sacrifices every day fifty-five of her soldiers. The liberating army, the Commissioners say, is composed of three army corps, named the Army of Oriente, the Army of Camaguey, and the Army of Las Villas. The Cubans are said to still hold their own from Santiago de Cuba to the District of the Five Cities. These three army corps comprise all the organized forces of the Republic, and number, as per last advices received from the Cuban Government, together, over 10,000 well-armed, drilled, and equipped soldiers. Beside these, there are in the territory occupied by the patriot forces numberless small bands of men who "hostilize" detached bodies of Spaniards, whenever an opportunity occurs, but who, for want of fire-arms, are not incorporated in the organized regiments of the army.

Whatever faults may be laid at the door of the Tammany and Erie robbers, it must be allowed that the quality of domestic affection is strongly developed in the breasts, even of the most rapacious of them. Did we not, for instance, read in Fisk's will, with as many tears as the mawkish Mark Antony shed over Cæsar's testament, how that erratic man and husband had left all his fortune to his hitherto neglected wife? And did not our heavy drops fall thereon as plentifully as if we learned that the noble, free-hearted Prince had spent all that fortune in riotous living before bequeathing it to his doubly-bereft relict?

Similarly we must deposit a briny drop or two upon the parchment which testifies Boss Tweed's "love and affection" for his son Richard. The lots which the Boss has conveyed to this son since the prosecution of the Tammany Ring commenced, and which we find described, with full particulars, in a late number of the *Real Estate Record*, aggregate 1,620 feet in frontage; and, as they are all on or near the most fashionable streets of up-town New York, and as many of them have brown-stone houses upon them, their aggregate value cannot be less than one million dollars. The consideration for which the Boss conveyed these lordly premises is "love and affection." Perhaps such a gush of paternal emotion is natural (especially when the Sheriff is about to seize the property); but what shall we say when the same beautiful emotion is found in the breast of a mother-in-law; when it becomes no longer an act of the parental instinct, but a manifestation of the tenderest regard for one of alien blood? Such is the case of Mrs. R. B. Connolly, whose conveyances of real estate to her sons-in-law, Joel A. Fithian and Robert C. Hutchings, amounted, on Dec. 30, to $294,000. Many of the lots in the schedule from which we gather these facts are described as "irregular;" and, if the epithet does not apply to the shape of all of them, it doubtless does to the manner in which they were acquired.

An ancient rhyme recounts the difficulty and danger of deciding when doctors disagree, and the jury in the Wharton case must realize the adage vividly. Six doctors swear that General Ketchum died of poison; half a dozen doctors swear that he died of *cerebro-spinal-meningitis*, which certainly ought to be enough to kill any one man. One learned medical chemist testifies that his post-mortem examination revealed traces of antimony, and straightway the defence essays to prove (and apparently succeeds in proving) that the chemist in question might have sat for one of the London doctors whom Dr. Sampson ridicules in "Very Hard Cash" as "men of one idea and wrong in that." The one idea of this doctor is antimony. He is always making *post-mortem* examinations; always finding that especial drug. He has been known to apply for the trials throughout the East. There is a lack-less Dr. Schoppe now in jail somewhere in Pennsylvania, and doomed to be hung soon, because this antimony-mad chemist testified against him. The friends of Schoppe, since the revelations of the Wharton case, are moving for a new trial, and will probably get it. Meanwhile, the maligned doctor is, of course, loudly sustaining his reputation as convicting Mrs. Wharton, and stands sturdily by all his statements. But the defence has established beyond question two points: That General Ketchum's death and Eugene Van Ness' sickness *can* be entirely accounted for by natural causes, and that the accused lady had no motive to win the death of either. The sudden furor against the Philadelphia Borgia's—papers with a keener sense of alliteration than of justice called her—has died away, and, in all probability, the verdict of the jury will restore Mrs. Wharton to her rightful place in the world.

Stokes proposes to get himself acquitted of the murder of Fisk on the plea of justification. Having neglected to exhibit himself in a state of personal anxiety and fear as contemplatingly in a crazy sort of gaze, Stokes cannot plead insanity as successfully as McFarland did. Killing in self-defence, however, is an available plea. Stokes found himself dogged by detectives, which must, of course, have been Fisk's work. Hence it because necessary to skulk behind a stairway and assassinate Fisk. The case is a plain one. Everybody can see how to head off Fisk's life-long life game, the proper tactics was to kill Fisk.

There was a case in Wisconsin, a few years ago, somewhat resembling this, supposing Stokes to have been, contrary to current public opinion, really in fear of his life. A Captain Ferry, then just out of the army, believed that his life was sought by a fellow named Shay, formerly in his company. Shay had threatened to shoot him whenever they should get out of the army; and it was not long before he appeared in the village where Ferry was sojourning. Acting upon his suspicions, Ferry, on first sight of his enemy, drew a revolver and put three balls into his body, each sufficient to produce a fatal result. Ferry was tried two or three times (the juries disagreeing), and finally acquitted. But, in addition to the difference in the grounds of suspicion on the part of the shooter, the case of Stokes is different from that of Ferry in this: that the social advantages in the former are rather against the person committing the homicide, while, in the latter, they were decidedly in his favor; and it is useless to argue that these circumstances do not usually have an effect in determining the verdict of juries.

The opinion which has already been expressed in these columns, that the negroes who were lynched for the murder of the Park family, in Indiana, were really innocent of the crime, and that the murderer himself was one of the lynching party, is now confirmed. The statements published in the Indianapolis *Journal*, shortly after the lynching, formed a chain of testimony in favor of the innocence of the negroes which was irrefragable, but did not fasten the crime upon the guilty party. The latest intelligence from Clark County, where the murdered family resided, completes the testimony relative to this point, and places the guilt of the murder in Iowa, and that the evidence against him is conclusive. He was one of the most prominent of the lynchers, and was particularly active in having the negroes hanged. Other villainies are hinted at in connection with the murder, which are to be duly investigated as soon as arrests can be made safely. It is the first duty of the Indiana authorities to see that arrests are not only made safely but promptly, and that punishment to the extreme limit of the law shall follow arrest. That State cannot afford to allow such a stigma to rest upon her name without doing something to remove it. The whole case adds point to what we have more than once said against the enormity of lynch law.

The Chaplain of the late "Prince of Erie" is apparently as bent on gaining notoriety as ever was his patron saint. It was natural that the press should have criticised that marvellous funeral-sermon in which the deceased debauchee figured as "a great thing, a noble thing, and a true thing," "not appreciated in this world," and as the peer of Shakspeare. But the Reverend E. O. Flagg rushes into print to defend his oration and inflicts a long letter on the New York *World*. From this epistle we learn that he "never made any comparison [of Fisk] with Shakspeare as far as moral excellencies are concerned, but simply in reference to a remarkable intellect." Considering the fact that the morality of the Bard of Avon was very decidedly below his intellectual level, it is hard to see how this explanation frees the Reverend sinecurist from the suspicion of religious praise. After such an instance of penetration of character, we are not surprised to find that the Chaplain has divined the mind of the Almighty, and discovered, as he tells us in his closing sentence, that He had decided to save Fisk, after all.

ALDERMANIC CORRUPTION.

Fourth Day of the Trial of the Man Glade, for Bribery.

The Demurrer to the Indictment Overruled by the Court.

Glade Brought into Court and His Plea of "Not Guilty," Recorded.

A Jury Chosen---Opening Arguments and Testimony To-Day.

The case of the People against Herman O. Glade, Alderman, for bribery, passed through its fourth day yesterday, in a chamber crowded to its utmost corners. The case was resumed on the argument of the demurrer to the indictment, the argument having rested on Wednesday evening with the close upon the subject on the part of the People.

DEMURRER TO THE INDICTMENT.

Mr. Storrs had the floor on the part of the defendant. In opening, he stated that it was perhaps due that he should make some remarks to exculpate the defendant in the employment of so many counsel and advocates. No status, and nothing in the common law prevents, on general principles, thirteen officials, indicted twice each, for the commission of serious offences, from employing, if they see fit, five counsel to assist them in making their defence. Such a statute would be unjust if it existed, but when one parties knew who were to prosecute they reasonably might fear. There was Reed, the State's Attorney, with whom was associated Sidney Smith. The Bench and Bar were aware of the havoc he had made among the youthful members of the profession who had opposed him in causes; and had seen the floor of the Court House covered with the mangled remains of those whom he has slaughtered. They well knew that if there were opposed to him but two counsel, he would soon have them bleeding on his horns, and the event has shown it, for his mouth throughout the case has spouted fire, and his nostrils smoke. The defendants were not unaware of the difficulties they had to encounter, and the speaker himself had felt, during the progress of the argument, much as the disconsolate lover,—"I could be happy with either were he other dear charmer away,"—and they deemed it necessary to have the number of counsel they have presented, not because of the difficulty of the case, but because of the superior ability of the gentleman against them.

He would first inquire what is charged in the indictment? The universal current of opinion was that there was a charge of official corruption, and he had expected to find the charge was an allegation that there had been pay or a reward given in consideration of a vote to be cast for or against a measure which was to be moved had jurisdiction, and which was pending in the body. It is a matter of gratification that after the close of the investigation, which has elapsed no such charge is made. The indictment does not even aver that the subject matter of the bribe was pending in the Council. Admitting that there was no doubt that the crime of bribery is punishable, at common law, he proceeded to argue that the offence charged in this indictment is not bribery, for the utmost extent of the charge is the payment of a sum of money to a person elected to a position of an official. Bribery, at common, law is the voluntary giving or receiving of anything of value in corrupt agreement to influence the action of a person (Bishop); but the statute of Illinois has stepped in to describe the offence. It has described the offence, and that offence can only be that which it can be committed, and this description has superseded or enlarged the common law, and an offence which is not described in the statute is not punishable set forth in the statute, it is not the offence of bribery. By the statute the act must be with intent to influence a vote to be cast, or to appoint any person to office, to execute the powers in him vested, or perform any duty of him required with regard to the act, or to omit to do any thing by law, and to warrant an indictment for bribery, there must be some act charged, literally falling within the terms of the statute. The assertion of influence he contended was not included in any clauses of the description quoted. for the exercise of which it would not be a violation of duty, or the exercise of power, wherefore it is not an official act, and such an act must enter into the charge. He would be glad to cited authorities in support of his proposition that where a statute has undertaken to legislate in regard to an offence, and has defined the offence in common law, then the statute abrogates the common and becomes the exclusive law. If this be so, the act to be done must be affirmatively shown by the indictment. This indictment does not charge that he done to be the exertion of an influence, and does not show that it was within the description of the statute; that it was a part of his official duty to use that influence, and if it did that would be statement of law, making it nonsense. He did not have much further comment on him. Holding that the indictment contained no offence charged, he denied the curative effect of the verdict, and pleaded in bar of any issue against the liberal consideration of the technical objections made to it.

THE COURT OVERRULED.

The Court. The principal objections raised and argued to the sufficiency of the indictment, are, 1. That the indictment fails to set forth the offence the act charged to have been committed, was done in the defendant's official capacity as an Alderman [Court. The charge in the indictment is offence is described in the indictment is so loose and vague, as to be incapable of precise meaning, and therefore bad. 3. The indictment is bad for want an acquittal or conviction under it against a second indictment.

Many authorities have been cited by the learned counsel in support of these objections, both on yesterday and this morning. Those cited this morning, were mainly for the purpose of showing as were stated yesterday. I have not been able to get access to them since the adjournment. The Court is, indeed, informed that they are not in any of the limited libraries of the city at the present time, but, from an examination of the cases cited yesterday, I have been able to make since the commencement of the argument I think the decisions and statute of this State are amply sufficient to settle all of the questions raised.

Bribery, as has been stated during the argument, is the voluntary giving or receiving of any voluntary giving or receiving anything of value in corrupt payment for an official act done, or to be done by a member of the office, in the giving or receiving the bribe. I do not think it makes any difference in law whether the act itself is lawful or unlawful. The law punishes the corrupt act, complete when the corrupt arrangement is made between the parties for the performance of the act.

The indictment in this case alleges, in substance, that the defendant, being a member of the Common Council of the city, solicited and received a bribe from one William Reinhart, to influence him as such Alderman, with favor to secure the removal of the office of Inspector of a certain hay stand, the Common Council, then and there having power to remove hay stands in the city of Chicago, by, in secret, for him, that this allegation sets forth, in clear and unambiguous language, that the defendant, while a member of the Common Council, received a bribe, and that he received it for the performance of an act in his official capacity as an Alderman.

Neither do I think that there is any difficulty in ascertaining the particular act which the defendant is called on to meet, or that if he is indicted a second time he may not plead it against a second indictment for the offence. If is arrested in sufficiently clear terms that the particular instance in which he is charged with receiving the bribe, and the nature of the influence for the removal of a certain hay stand. The Court is bound to take judicial notice that the charter of the city of Chicago confers on the Common Council the power to locate and remove hay stands.

The criminal code of this State declares that every indictment shall be deemed sufficiently technical and correct which states the offence in such manner and so plainly that the nature may be easily understood by the jury. This section of the criminal code, in my opinion, furnishes a reasonable answer to all of the objections which have been made in the indictment. The Supreme Courts in numerous decisions from the 20 Illinois down to the 45th Illinois, have given a liberal construction to this section, and have uniformly treated with disfavor all objections of a technical character. The object of the statute is stated in language as plain as to be easily understood by the jury. In the case of Canaday vs. The People, 54th Illinois, 169, Chief Justice Scates says this "great niceties and strictness in pleadings should only be countenanced and supported when it is apparent that the defendant may be surprised on the trial, or be unable to meet the charge, or make preparations for his defence, for want of greater certainty or particularity in the charge. Beyond this it becomes rather a means for escaping punishment for crime than a defence on the merits of the accusation." In this case the defendant can not be at any loss to know what charge he is to meet, nor does he stand in any danger of being tried twice for the same offence. The demurrer is overruled.

SHALL HE PLEAD?

Mr. Reed. For the fourth time, I now ask that the defendant plead to the indictment.

The Court. If there are no other technical, nor dilatory motions, let the defendant plead to the indictment.

Mr. Van Arman. I am not aware that there is anything further.

WHERE IS REINHART?

The accused was not present in Court; but he immediately after came in and his plea of not guilty was entered. The witnesses, which the prosecution, William Reinhardt, and butler, Thomas Parker and C. P. Holtekkan, City Clerk, were called. The latter being present, were sent for, and, to allow those necessary parties to be brought into Court, a recess of thirty minutes was taken. When those thirty minutes had expired, Reinhardt, who had been under bail, was absent from the Court, upon the express agreement that he should be present at his place of business, subject to call, for the purpose of said trial, had not been found. The bailiff reported that during the thirty minutes of time he had been unable to find him. Before the hour had expired was he, the prosecuting witness, in attendance. At that time Mr. Reed mentioned the Court the circumstances of Reinhart's leaving Court as explaining the delay. He would at at once proceed to companel the jury, but in case he could not have Reinhart, the most material witness, lest he, being taken suddenly sick, or otherwise compelled to be absent, and a jury be selected, the defendant would, in the absence of testimony, might insist upon his right to a verdict of acquittal.

Mr. Storrs replied that, in the unce-tainty that had attended the argument of the preliminary motions, as to when they would be considered, it was impossible for the witnesses to be somewhat bound hand in their attendance. He would, therefore, wait awhile.

THE MILLIKEN SIGNAL FORMULA!

Pending the time of waiting, Mr. Harvey presented a suggestion on the record, based upon an affidavit of the purport that in the nature of a motion to quash the indictment for the reason that the return of venire for the Grand Jury, by which the indictment was found, showed that the Sheriff had returned into Court twenty-three persons, and that the name of Isaac L. Milliken, who signed to the "true bill," as foreman, was not of the number.

Mr. Reed asked of the Clerk whether it appeared of record that Mr. Milliken was appointed and sworn to the office of foreman.

It appearing that Mr. Milliken did, of record, appear to be a Grand Juror, and that he was appointed foreman of the Grand Jury in advance of Court, the Court overruled the motion to quash.

REINHART NOT FOUND.

At the expiration of two hours and five minutes the witness Reinhardt was brought into the Court.

The Court. Let a jury be called.

Mr. Harvey presented a challenge to the array of the Grand Jury, substantially the same as that urged to the array of the Grand Jury.

It was overruled.

A JURY FOUND.

The process of empanelling a jury was then entered upon. In this Court the practice is for four persons to be called; the Prosecuting Attorney passes upon their qualifications, and gives to the accused four competent persons for him to select from.

THE FIRST FOUR.

made statements in effect as follows:

Fred. W. Erby, of 114 South Green street, an employe of the successor to Barney & Co., in the grain business. He had heard so much of the case in Court that his mind was mixed on the question of information as to the guilt or innocence of the Aldermen generally, but as to the case of the accused he had not in

THE BUILDING QUESTION.

Shall the City Be Fire-Proof, or Shall It Be a Tinder-Box?

Mass-Meeting of North-Siders to Be Held in the Interest of Future Security.

The Duty of Foreign-Born Citizens---Letter from the Rev. Dr. Collyer to Mr. A. C. Hesing.

Mrs. Swisshelm on Fire-Ordinances and Mob-Law.

Mass Meeting of North Side Citizens in Favor of Extending the Fire Limits.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: It is the desire of the really interested citizens in the vicinity of Lincoln Park that both sides of the question should be heard in regard to the subject of the fire-limits. Those opposed to the extension of these limits manifested their views concerning the subject, under the auspices of the fire-police of the Prussian eagle, last Monday night, in the hall of the Common Council. The public are, no doubt, conversant with the peculiar logic of these Communistic philosophers, it is needless to enter into any details upon the theory and practice, too, of a set of men who say that Chicago ought to rebuild like a "fire-fiend ever sight," so as to be ready for a match in the morning.

These lawless men have been heard; would the property-owners and law-abiding citizens have a hearing, in order that the City Legislators may see that these most nearly and most substantially interested in this question do actually want the fullest possible extension of the fire-limits, now and for all time.

I would, therefore, to give an opportunity for a public expression of the views and wishes of a majority who are really embraced among the parties interested in this matter, a grand mass meeting of the property-owners and citizens residing in the neighborhood of Lincoln Park will be held at the place of Charles Reagle, corner of North Clark and Centre streets, on the evening of the 20th inst., at half-past 7 o'clock. Let every one that can attend the meeting, and those above, who have by his action, that rowdyism is to be put down, and that the future prosperity of the place of Chicago must be protected by compliance with the demand of her honest citizens for the immediate and fullest extension of the fire-limits, which, in reality, should be the city limits.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18. MANY CITIZENS.

The Duty of Foreign-Born Citizens---Letter from the Rev. Robert Collyer to Mr. A. C. Hesing.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.

A. C. HESING---DEAR SIR: The last time I met you was under the lindens in Heidelberg, on the Fourth of July. I was very glad to see you, think you were to see me, because we had been fellow-citizens, had not seen each other a good while, and then it was the great national holiday over here in our own country. We were dying for it in the beautiful old city on the Neckar, and I hope you remember, as I do, we talked about it proudly, and wished so to be where there was a celebration, to see something of the old story. I well remember also, how, before I met you, I passed a house on the stairs and stripes were floating in the breeze, and took off my hat and walked bareheaded, with wet eyes, with my heart full of love reference for it, because I thought it had never been so beautiful since the old days when our flag would bring it from the battle-fields all torn to rags. And, after I left you, met a harper, a man him understand I would give him all over if he could play Yankee Doodle. What he did play was not new unlike what I wanted, but no reward, and I went away feeling as if I had been inhuman all to myself.

I am not an American citizen by birth, as you know, and I suspect, from our family traditions, that my great-grandfather had something to do with fighting the Revolution on what I believe to have been the wrong side, as some of our countrymen did also, perhaps with less excuse. But two-and-twenty years ago last May, I came to this country about as poor as a man could, and as friendless. My wife was a wife, a box of forks, and four children, and I had left England until I was myself, and came to the conclusion that if I was there, I must be a very poor man all my life, and work hard for small wages, live from hand to mouth, never have a home for my own, my children grow up about me to be settled near to voice, so far as I could foresee, in the government of my country; and, when I should be an old man, perhaps, and my wife gone, be a kind Providence did mention me among my children, who could have very little room.

I remember that the first month I worked in this country, I earned exactly twice as much as I had ever earned in a month in England. I found it so, and since this trouble has risen, of which you, as many of your countrymen as

New York.

Card from Jay Cooke Concerning the Rothschild Proposition.

Yesterday's Testimony Before the Custom House Investigating Committee.

Daily Review of the Leading Markets.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

THE ROTHSCHILD PROPOSITION.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Mr. Jay Cooke's card confirming the statement to bondholders, made yesterday, offering the offer to take $200,000,000 of the new bonds, was published to-day, and was the occasion of general remark. It seems that Mr. Boutwell has steadfastly refused to give the newspapers any information on the subject, which has led to the doubts expressed by some New York journals.

MONEY.

The rates for money were 6 to 7 per cent, with supply ample for the demand incident to the rise in prices at the Stock Exchange. None of the large Government bond dealers have balances there as low as 5 per cent. National bank notes are still accommodating very fast. The banks are willing to lend them for five to six days free of interest, as at the expiration of that time borrowers will return legal tenders.

GOVERNMENT BONDS

opened strong, but were quiet at the close. The Assistant Treasurer was able to-day to buy $200,000 in bonds at par in gold. This was due, to the fact that the Treasury notified sellers that the payment would be equally divided between legal-tenders and National Bank notes.

PACIFIC RAILROAD BONDS.

Central Pacific bonds closed at 102½ to 102¾, and Union at 94¼ to 94¾ for firsts; 84½ to 84¾ for land grants; 86¾ to 86¾ for income, and 86¾ to 86¾ for stock

GOLD.

Gold opened at 109, but was dull, and the only quotations were 109¾ and 109. The rates paid for carrying were 5¾, 4, 6, 7, and 5 per cent.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

was also very dull, on the basis of 109 for prime bankers' 60 days' sterling.

STOCKS.

The bull movement in stocks continues. The greatest activity to-day was in Union Pacific, Northwestern common, Pacific Mail, Wabash and St. Paul. The first named advanced to 36¾ on the continued purchases of parties in the interest of Western Union. The St. Paul stocks were favorably affected by the near approach of the time for the directors to decide on the dividend. We think is sustained by the "puts" of the veteran ex-Erie Director, who, however, stopped selling them a week ago.

BREADSTUFFS.

The flour market was dull. The low and medium grades were tame, though the principal owners were unwilling to yield to sell freely. Little was doing in wheat, and at the close the market was heavy. Spring was offered most freely. Winter was comparatively firm. The demand was chiefly for export. Corn was without change, though closing tame. The inquiry was mostly for shipment. Dry is not plenty.

[To the Associated Press.]

THE CUSTOM HOUSE INVESTIGATION.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—The Committee of Investigation into the Custom House frauds had Collector Arthur before them this morning. He declined having had a consultation with Collector Murphy, and another at which an attempt was made to induce the election inspector to sign false election returns. Palaiski, a cigar dealer, testified that $2.50 a case was charged for general ordering his cigars; also as to losses on his cigars. O. B. Matthieson sent a communication from Utica, requesting permission to submit his testimony by mail, which was refused. Matthieson intimated that the letter presented to the Committee, on which a subpœna was issued, was tendered and then refused by him at Utica; but Senator Casserly produced evidence showing that Matthieson was at the Fifth Avenue Hotel when the subpœna was issued.

By a party vote the letter of Beckwith's was admitted in evidence, during the investment in the testimony of Mr. Greeley, that Mr. Beckwith's vote had been influenced at the syracuse Convention by Custom House influences.

A table of statistics, showing imports, percentage of collection, etc., was sent in by Collector Arthur.

Surveyor Cornell testified that he has been to every State Convention for ten years. There were six officers of the Custom House at the Convention of 1871. As delegates they, forty or fifty Customs officers were there, not delegates. It was his opinion that no Custom House patronage was used to control the State Convention of 1871. Greeley's statement that 100 Custom House officers are travelling about, is incorrect. Mr. Cornell was further examined as to the value of proof, or reasonable suspicion of corruption of any officer he recommended his removal, and Murphy always was. He has not, while in office, that he failed to get an inspector removed for bribe-taking. He never failed when he reported a case to Murphy. A witness was handed a notice and to have been posted in Custom House calling upon Clerks to pay 2½ per cent of their salaries for the campaign fund. He said he first pronounced it a forgery. He admitted that there was a contribution for political purposes. The officers paid about 2½ per cent on their salaries, but he said it was all voluntary, and the officers felt a pride in paying to support the party. Has never known a man to be turned out for non-payment, but might to 10 per cent object from inability or dissatisfaction. The witness in reply to questions from Senator Bayard, said that Collector Murphy, Case, one of his Inspectors, was arrested on an accusation for allowing a cargo to be transported in bond and delivered without examination. He indicted and bailed, and he was removed to another position under Murphy. Cannot positively say whether the accusation was true or false. When he first came into the office he found an inspector named Boswick, who used to make affidavits on information only, and get warrants for search of premises upon which it was alleged that smuggled goods were concealed. He used to get his warrants from Police Justices. He also used to get a United States warrant. Boswick acted as general detective to conceal crimes. Witness discouraged Boswick from this practice. Witness discouraged Boswick from this practice.

Mr. Bayard remarked that it was monstrous and dangerous that a Surveyor could grant such a warrant as for searching a man's house on a allegation of a Federal officer.

Witness said the practice had latterly been unknown to him. It is not now considered necessary to have a warrant.

At the night session Luther G. Tillotson, inspector of telegraph wires, testified that he received 976 bundles of wire per steamer in October last, which were three days in the General Order store. He was called to the storage. West Tillotson, to his friend, the Surveyor, and protested against their action, and General Arthur intervened, and subsequently the bill was reduced to $161.66 which was still four times as much for the labor and three times as much for the storage as the Jersey City warehouses charge. Through fear of General Order charges he has paid sums to inspectors to obtain their clearance. The night inspector will pay $25 to the Inspector to detain his goods that came by the City of Washington on the 7th of January. Fitzpatrick, a Wharfinger, testified, and told him he paid the Inspector in a similar way.

Mr. Howe moved for a subpœna for Bloomfield, and an order to bring with the Inspector who took the $25.

A long debate followed. Mr. Bayard protested that the inquiry would be blocked if the gentlemen giving the testimony of corruption were to be embarrassed by bringing up officers to refute them. The Committee were not trying officers, but inquiring into the system.

Mr. Tillotson stated that it was to a great reluctance that he stated the facts, for it would subject him to hostility in the future. He said he would bring on him and other merchants the vengeance of the officers. After the motion of Mr. Howe was carried, and the Committee adjourned.

PRISON REFORM.

A public meeting will be held at Steinway Hall on the evening of the 26th to hear a statement from Dr. Wines, of the progress of his mission for the organization of an International prison Congress. Addresses are expected from Governor Hoffman, Ex-Governor Seymour, Senator Wilson, Admiral Goldsboro and numerous representatives Banks, Garfield, and Kerr, and letters from the President, Vice President, Mr. Seward, Senators Sumner, Conkling, Morton, Trumbull and others.

SAVINGS BANK RUN.

The run on the Third Avenue Savings Bank continues, but is decreasing. About two millions have been paid out.

STOKES' DEFENCE.

The appearance of Howe & Hummel, Garvey as one of the counsel in the Stokes case, indicates a theory of defence requiring much elaboration of detail.

PREMIUM FOR THE PACIFIC COAST.

It is said that the pressure of freight occasioned by the railroad blockade will compel the Pacific Mail Company to charter another steamer to go to Aspin wall on the 30th inst.

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION.

There is much excitement at Fordham College over two attempts to assassinate a student named Beriot, from St. Louis, by an unknown person.

DENIAL.

The resident agent of the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company, states that the allegations made in Dorsheimer's letter regarding the company's affairs are entirely unfounded.

INCREASE OF SMALL-POX.

The reports of an increase of small pox in this city begin to excite alarm. Cases have increased in the past week from 68 to 85. The disease seems to be confined to no one section. Vaccination is rapidly progressing, but among the lower classes of Germans, who object to vaccination, the contagion is making the most marked ravages.

STATUE OF HORACE GREELEY.

A subscription was set on foot yesterday among the crowd gathered to witness the unveiling of the Franklin statue, for the purpose of procuring the statue of Horace Greeley, to be erected opposite the statue of Franklin, at the other end of the square.

Six thousand dollars were subscribed, the list comprising several other names Charles A. Dana, Mayor Hall, Henry Ward Beecher, William Orton, and Samuel G. Courtney.

ICE-RACES.

At an iceboat race yesterday, on the Hudson River, two boats sailed nine miles in eight minutes, two others going the same distance in nine minutes.

ARRAIGNMENT OF STOKES.

A great crowd waits in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, this morning, to witness the arraignment of Stokes for the murder of James Fisk. Stokes was brought to court in a close carriage, and certain that he would be convicted, and sentenced, he had not seen the indictment yet. The case was then adjourned till Wednesday night.

CATARACT.

Cataracy sails for Europe on Saturday.

THE UNITED STATES LOAN.

Interested parties write from Philadelphia that a proposition was made to Secretary Boutwell to take six hundred millions of the three hundred and fifty millions now taken by the Syndicate, but

DEATH.

Rev. John J. Quigley, formerly of St. Louis, died this morning, at the College of St. John, Brooklyn.

ILLINOIS.

Annual Meeting of the Northwestern Dairyman's Association—Mis-Cooing—Cows for the Dairy—Dairy Ration—Premiums Offered for Butter and Cheese.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ELGIN, Ill., Jan. 18.—The attendance at the Dairyman's Convention, this forenoon, was again large, and when the Convention came to order the spacious church was well filled. Hon. Sylvanus Wilcox presided.

The subjects of discussion were taken up in regular order, the first being the cooling of milk to insure cream being better and thicker. The subject was exhaustively considered, the Convention being somewhat divided in relation to the propriety of cooling milk by the quick process of water or solely by atmospheric influence.

After the discussion of this subject, the next question, "May not milk be injured by cooling too suddenly?" was debated, the Convention not quite occupied until the close of the forenoon session.

On its reassembling at 2 p. m. the subject of "Cows for the Dairy" was considered, and observations were made on this point by Messrs. Albio, Eddy, Stewart, and others.

The matter of holding "Dairy Fairs" was then alluded to, the sentiment of the Convention being evidently in favor of such gatherings, both for the purposes of sale and exhibition.

A Committee was appointed to make arrangements concerning the matter. The Association, through its Executive Committee, then offered two premiums of twenty-five each dollars for the best specimens of twenty-five each dollars for the best specimens of twenty-five pounds of butter each, to be made during the coming season. The butter to be made during the months of May, July, September and October, and to reach Chicago by the 1st of June, July and August.

After the transaction of some other unimportant business, the Convention adjourned.

Prof. Daniells, of Wisconsin, is speaking tonight on the Breeding of Dairy Cattle, and the Convention is most successfully closing.

Chicago Bill Approved by the Governor—Funeral of Rev. Dr. Bergen—Personal—Gubernatorial Reception.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 18.—The Governor to-day signed and filed with the Secretary of State, a bill of much importance to the people of Chicago, viz: An act to prevent the unjust collection by incorporated cities and towns of taxes levied upon property destroyed by fire, and to authorize the appointment of a board of appraisers by the Trustees of such towns, to change or amend appropriation bills; to pass new appropriations for the payment of claims, and to levy and collect assessments in certain cases, and to discontinue special improvements. As this bill has the emergency clause, it takes effect immediately.

The funeral of the Rev. Dr. J. G. Bergen took place from the First Presbyterian Church this afternoon, at which I was in attendance. A very large number of citizens, and a large number of the members of both branches of the General Assembly.

Mr. M. Smith, one of our oldest citizens and prominent merchants, has been elected Director of the Lafayette, Bloomington & Mississippi Railroad.

Charles Zane, of this city, has been appointed and confirmed Register of the United States Land Office, in this city, vice Colonel W. F. Elkin, who resigned on account of ill-health.

About two inches of snow has fallen here since last night.

The Governor's reception, which took place this evening, was a success in every respect. All the elite of citizens, as well as all classes of politicians, were present.

Cultivator Men in Conference—Some Old Pategs Turned Up.

PEORIA, Jan. 18.—Representatives from the corn cultivator manufactories in the Northwest held a meeting at the Peoria House yesterday, continuing through the day and late into the night. The meeting was called for the purpose of considering plans for compelling a class of certain manufacturers claim a royalty from all other manufacturers, on the ground of some old patents they hold. A test case to be tried in the United States Court next month.

West Virginia Constitutional Convention.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 18.—After a spirited debate in the Constitutional Convention now in session at Wheeling, West Virginia, yesterday, the resolution to remove to Wheeling, was laid on the table. The Mayor of Wheeling offers free transportation and good quarters, if the Convention will remove.

Telegraphic Brevities.

Wm. M. Tweed passed Hamburg, Penn., going West on the Monday evening stream.

—The extensive agricultural works of Young-love, Massey & Co., of Cleveland, were almost entirely destroyed by fire last night. Loss from $70,000 to $75,000. Insurance $30,000.

—The California Assembly has passed a bill to strike out the words "white" and "male" in the election law. The proposition to license gambling meets with considerable favor.

—It is reported that on Friday last the boiler of a steam saw mill, at Boyer Station, Mo., on the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad, exploded, killing six men, and wounding others, and demolishing the mill.

—The pork-packing season closed at Muscatine this week. James Hogans slaughtered 11,000 hogs, and the Rotschilds Bros. 6,000. Total number packed there, 19,200.

—The City Mills at Danville Junction, Auburn, Me., owned by Pingree, Foss & Co., burned this morning, with their contents, including several thousand bushels of wheat and corn, and several hundred barrels of flour. Loss, $25,000; insured, $19,000.

—Joseph Pattizer, associate editor of the *Westerlo Gazette*, Albany County, has been appointed Police Commissioner of this city by Governor Brown, and been confirmed by the Senate.

—Clive Logan, while on her way to Wheeling, West Virginia, from Pittsburgh, on Wednesday, to deliver a lecture at the former place, was suddenly taken ill, and returned to Pittsburgh, *en route* for New York.

—In the Maine State Temperance Convention, at Lewiston, a report was unanimously adopted that the Michigan law, making the seller of intoxicating liquors and the owner of the building responsible for damage done by an intoxicated person, be enacted in that State.

—Mrs. Cornelia Burke, wife of Captain Thos. F. Burke, of Hartford, Conn., was burned to death at her boarding house this forenoon. She was alone in the room, and in some way not known her clothes took fire and she ran down the stairs in a blaze and fell dead in the kitchen.

—When the Grand Duke Alexis was in St. Louis, he was entertained by Guards of the Lafayette, a member of their company. In return for the compliment the Duke ordered his portrait from Paris, which has reached there and will be hung in the armory of the Guards.

—All the leading firms of the two Republican factions in Arkansas have gone to Washington to testify before the Committee appointed to investigate the charges against Senator Clayton. Prominent Democrats are to be summoned to testify also as to whether any trade was made with the managers of the Liberal ticket, by which the certificate of election to General Edwards over the Republican candidate, Judge Boles.

—Yesterday morning a freight car train, hauling a load of lumber, mistook the track of the Chicago & St. Louis Railroad for a wagon road, and in attempting to cross it at the junction of that road with the one leading between Normal and Bloomington. Both horses were killed and the wagon and its load completely demolished. The driver, a German named Rice, had been thrown from the load before they reached Normal, and was not injured.

—The Cheyenne *Leader* says a recent Territorial officer accepted from the people of that city a furnished house, and then turned upon his benefactors, maligned the city, plotted with a rival city to obtain the removal of the Capital, and disposed of his residence, going into temporary lodgings.

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—There are twenty-five thousand Postmasters in the country who, their salaries being under $200 the civil service regulations will not touch. There are, however, five thousand one hundred and nine who receive more than $200, who will, when vacancies occur, have to stand a competitive examination to gain the appointment which has hitherto come from the "member."

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—The Atlanta (Ga.) *New Era* says: "It is rumored that the main reason for the unnecessary and expensive prolongation indulged in by the General Assembly is, that the young and gushing members thereof may have a good chance to bask in the smiles of that charming female lobbyist in the service of blasted scoundrelism in New York; that second husband of her gallant neighbor, the *Jude*, a few days since, as haunting the gallories of the Capitol. They say she has the prettiest foot in the world, and a voice that would bring tears of rapture into the eyes of a monumental monkey."

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PERSONAL.

General John O'Neil is in Winona, Minn., where he is to remain this week, on "Ireland's Past, Present, and Future."

—Governor Scott, of South Carolina, is said to have once been a cooper. If report be true, he has made a "staving" thing of his present position.

—Alexis pays $6,500 per day for his Pullman train. His last purchase at St. Louis was an assortment of presents for Spotted Tail and his followers.

—In the poor Indian is said to be struggling with the measles in Minnesota. The Mille Lac bands of Chippewas are considerably affected, but the Mississippi bands are severely afflicted.

—Caleb Cope, who for thirty years has shared in the direction of the affairs of the Philadelphia Academy of Fine Arts, recently resigned the Presidency of that institution. James L. Claghorn has been elected as his successor.

—Mayor Cameron, of Windsor, Ont., after being re-elected, has handed in his resignation, principally because other persons, not chosen to the same position, thought he required their advice and instructions.

—A bright little Jersey lad recently broke through the ice at Lake View, while skating. As he went down, he hurriedly shouted to another member of their company. In return for the compliment the Duke ordered his portrait from Paris, which has reached and will be hung in the armory of the Guards.

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DEATHS.

Rev. John J. Quigley, formerly of St. Louis, died this morning, at the College of St. John, Brooklyn.

ILLINOIS.

Annual Meeting of the Northwestern Dairyman's Association—Mis-Cooing—Cows for the Dairy—Dairy Ration—Premiums Offered for Butter and Cheese.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ELGIN, Ill., Jan. 18.—The attendance at the Dairyman's Convention, this forenoon, was again large, and when the Convention came to order the spacious church was well filled. Hon. Sylvanus Wilcox presided.

The subjects of discussion were taken up in regular order, the first being the cooling of milk to insure cream being better and thicker. The subject was exhaustively considered, the Convention being somewhat divided in relation to the propriety of cooling milk by the quick process of water or solely by atmospheric influence.

After the discussion of this subject, the next question, "May not milk be injured by cooling too suddenly?" was debated, the Convention not quite occupied until the close of the forenoon session.

On its reassembling at 2 p. m. the subject of "Cows for the Dairy" was considered, and observations were made on this point by Messrs. Albio, Eddy, Stewart, and others.

The matter of holding "Dairy Fairs" was then alluded to, the sentiment of the Convention being evidently in favor of such gatherings, both for the purposes of sale and exhibition.

A Committee was appointed to make arrangements concerning the matter. The Association, through its Executive Committee, then offered two premiums of twenty-five each dollars for the best specimens of twenty-five pounds of butter each, to be made during the coming season. The butter to be made during the months of May, July, September and October, and to reach Chicago by the 1st of June, July and August.

After the transaction of some other unimportant business, the Convention adjourned.

Prof. Daniells, of Wisconsin, is speaking tonight on the Breeding of Dairy Cattle, and the Convention is most successfully closing.

Chicago Bill Approved by the Governor—Funeral of Rev. Dr. Bergen—Personal—Gubernatorial Reception.

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SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 18.—The Governor to-day signed and filed with the Secretary of State, a bill of much importance to the people of Chicago, viz: An act to prevent the unjust collection by incorporated cities and towns of taxes levied upon property destroyed by fire, and to authorize the appointment of a board of appraisers by the Trustees of such towns, to change or amend appropriation bills; to pass new appropriations for the payment of claims, and to levy and collect assessments in certain cases, and to discontinue special improvements. As this bill has the emergency clause, it takes effect immediately.

The funeral of the Rev. Dr. J. G. Bergen took place from the First Presbyterian Church this afternoon, at which I was in attendance. A very large number of citizens, and a large number of the members of both branches of the General Assembly.

Mr. M. Smith, one of our oldest citizens and prominent merchants, has been elected Director of the Lafayette, Bloomington & Mississippi Railroad.

Charles Zane, of this city, has been appointed and confirmed Register of the United States Land Office, in this city, vice Colonel W. F. Elkin, who resigned on account of ill-health.

About two inches of snow has fallen here since last night.

The Governor's reception, which took place this evening, was a success in every respect. All the elite of citizens, as well as all classes of politicians, were present.

Cultivator Men in Conference—Some Old Pategs Turned Up.

PEORIA, Jan. 18.—Representatives from the corn cultivator manufactories in the Northwest held a meeting at the Peoria House yesterday, continuing through the day and late into the night. The meeting was called for the purpose of considering plans for compelling a class of certain manufacturers claim a royalty from all other manufacturers, on the ground of some old patents they hold. A test case to be tried in the United States Court next month.

West Virginia Constitutional Convention.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 18.—After a spirited debate in the Constitutional Convention now in session at Wheeling, West Virginia, yesterday, the resolution to remove to Wheeling, was laid on the table. The Mayor of Wheeling offers free transportation and good quarters, if the Convention will remove.

Telegraphic Brevities.

Wm. M. Tweed passed Hamburg, Penn., going West on the Monday evening stream.

—The extensive agricultural works of Youngleve, Massey & Co., of Cleveland, were almost entirely destroyed by fire last night. Loss from $70,000 to $75,000. Insurance $30,000.

—The California Assembly has passed a bill to strike out the words "white" and "male" in the election law. The proposition to license gambling meets with considerable favor.

—It is reported that on Friday last the boiler of a steam saw mill, at Boyer Station, Mo., on the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad, exploded, killing six men, and wounding others, and demolishing the mill.

—The pork-packing season closed at Muscatine this week. James Hogans slaughtered 11,000 hogs, and the Rotschilds Bros. 6,000. Total number packed there, 19,200.

—The City Mills at Danville Junction, Auburn, Me., owned by Pingree, Foss & Co., burned this morning, with their contents, including several thousand bushels of wheat and corn, and several hundred barrels of flour. Loss, $25,000; insured, $19,000.

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